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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The correspondence on the Alabama negotiations, which was sent to the Senate to-day, in response to Mr. SUMNER's resolution, brings the matter down to the 6th of November, but does not cover the assent of the British Government to the propositions to include the question of maritime law, of which our Government had since been advised, and which was announced in the TIMES of Monday. Mr. SUMNER is understood to speak in terms of high commendation of the manner in which Secretary FISH has presented the case to the English Cabinet. The leading features of the correspondence are given below.

REJECTION OF THE CLAIMS CONVENTION.

Secretary FISH, in a dispatch to Mr. MOTLEY of May 15, 1869, recounts the circumstances under which the Johnson-Clarendon Treaty was rejected by the Senate—circumstances which are fresh in the recollection of the public, and goes on to remark:

It is wholly unnecessary to say to statesmen of the intelligence which always marks those of the British Empire that the rejection of a treaty by the Senate of the United States implies no act of discourtesy to the Government with which the treaty may have been negotiated. The United States can enter into treaties only with the advice and consent of the Senate; and that advice and consent to be intelligent must be discriminating, and their refusal can be no subject of complaint and can give no occasion for dissatisfaction or criticism. On the 12th of May, 1862, the United States and Great Britain, in settling the boundaries on our Northeastern and Northwestern frontier, was signed at London by Mr. RUFUS KING and Lord HUDDLESBURY, on the part of their respective Governments, and submitted to the Senate by President Buchanan with a message on the 5th of October in that year. The Senate approved of the convention, but upon the condition that the fifth article should be expunged, a condition which was never complied with. Upon one point the President and the Senate and the overwhelming mass of the people are convinced; namely, that the convention, from its character and terms, or from the time of its negotiation, or from the circumstances attending its negotiation, would not have removed the sense of existing grievance, would not have afforded real substantial satisfaction to the people, would not have settled, nor even tended to settle, many of the pending questions, but would have left a feeling of dissatisfaction inconsistent with the relations which the President desires to have firmly established between two great nations of common origin, language and religion, and objects in the advancement of the civilization of the age. The President believes the rejection of the convention to have been in the interests of peace and in the direction of a more perfect and cordial friendship between the two countries; and in this he will be fully approved by the people of the Senate. That action is quite recent, and has been the cause of some excitement and popular discussion on both sides of the Atlantic, and, possibly, of some little disappointment, if not of irritation, in England. The tone of the Press and the presumed opinions of some public men in and out of Parliament, indicate that the present is not the most hopeful moment to enter upon a renewed discussion either of the objections to the lately proposed convention, or of the basis of a renewed negotiation. A suspension of the discussion of the question for a short time will allow the subsidence of any excitement, prevent any of the negotiation or rejection of the treaty, and will enable the two Governments to approach the there readily to a solution of their differences. But in communicating with Lord CLARENDON you will be particular to make him feel the desire of the President, that their suspension be limited to the shortest possible time consistent with its object. The President hopes that Her Majesty's Government will view the propriety of the suspension in the same light in which he proposes it, as wholly in the interest and solely with a view to an early and friendly settlement of the question between the two Governments. He hopes that when the question shall again be considered, it may comport with the views of Her Majesty's Government to embrace within the scope of the negotiation some agreement by the two Governments defining their respective rights and duties as neutrals, in case the other Government become unfortunately involved in war with a third Power. The absence of some agreement or definition on this subject was among the causes leading to the rejection of the recent convention, under which, had it been adopted, it would by possibility have settled one of the grave questions which have arisen, would have been passed upon by a tribunal whose decision either party, much less other nations, would regard as unfair, so as to prevent repetition or resentment. It might indeed well have occurred in the event of the selection by lot of the arbitrator or umpire, is different issues involving, however, precisely the same principles that different awards resting upon antagonistic principles might have been made. If, however, the two great leading maritime commercial nations of the world establish a rule to govern themselves, each with respect to the other, they may reasonably hope that their conclusion will be accepted by the other Powers, and will become for the future recognized as a part of the public law of the civilized world. The President recognizes the right of every Power, when a civil conflict has arisen within another State, and has attained a sufficient complexity, magnitude and completeness, to define its own relations and those of its citizens and subjects toward the parties to the conflict, so far as their rights and interests are affected by the conflict. The necessity and propriety of the original concession of belligerency by Great Britain at the time it was made have been contested, and are not admitted. They certainly are questionable, but the President regards the concession as a part of the case only so far as it states the beginning and the animus of that course of conduct which resulted so disastrously to the United States. It is important in that it foreshadows subsequent events. There were other nations that acted contemporaneous with England in making a similar concession, but it was in England only that the concession was supplemented by acts causing direct damage to the United States. The President is careful to make this discrimination, because he is anxious as much as possible to simplify the case, and to bring into view those enhancements of note, which are so important in determining the question between the two countries.

SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26, 1869.

SIR: The President wishes that whenever negotiations or discussions on the subject of the "Alabama claims" so-called, shall be renewed, they be conducted in the United States; and he has instructed me to inform you about this, and to say this wish to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. It is impossible, as present, to say when that time will arrive, but it will certainly have arrived whenever the British Government shall propose a discussion, or shall intimate a desire to reopen the negotiation.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) HAMILTON FISH.

To JOHN LOTHROP MOTLEY, Esq., &c.

RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS—OUR GRIEVANCES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25, 1869.

SIR: When you left here upon your mission the moment was not thought to be the most hopeful to enter upon renewed discussion or negotiations with the Government of Great Britain on the subject of the claims of this Government against that of Her Majesty, and you were instructed to convey to Lord CLARENDON the opinion of the President that a suspension of the discussion for a short period might allow the subsidence of any excitement or irritation growing out of events then recent, and might enable the two Governments to approach more readily to a solution of their differences. You have informed me that Lord CLARENDON saw no objection to this course, and agreed with you that it would be well to give time for emotions, which had been excited of late, to subside. The President is inclined to believe that sufficient time may have now elapsed to allow subsidence of those emotions, and that this it may be opportune and convenient at the present conjuncture to place in your hands for appropriate use a dispassionate exposition of the grounds of complaint of the Government of the United States against that of Great Britain. In order to do this in a satisfactory manner, it is necessary to go back to the very beginning of the acts and events which have in their progress and consummation, so much disturbed the otherwise amicable relations of the two Governments.

When in the winter of 1860 and 1861, certain States of the American Union undertook by ordinances of secession to separate themselves from the others, and to constitute of their own volition and by force a new and independent Republic, under the name of the Confederate States of America, there existed between Great Britain and the United States a condition of profound peace, their political relations were professedly and apparently of the most friendly character, and their commercial and financial relations were as close and intimate in fact as they seemed to be cordial in spirit—such as became the two great, liberal, progressive and maritime and commercial Powers of the world. Associated as they were by strong ties of common interest, language and traditions, the Government of the United States had no reason to presume that the amicable sentiment of the British Government would be diminished, or otherwise prejudicially affected by the occurrence of domestic insurrection within the United States any more than those of the latter had been impaired by the occurrence of the rebellion in British India; or might be impaired by such occurrence elsewhere in the dominion of Great Britain. Least of all could the Government of the United States anticipate hostility toward it, and special friendship for the insurgents of the seceding States, in view of the inducements and objects of that insurrection, which, avowedly and as every statesman, whether in Europe or America, well knew, and as the very earliest mention of the insurrection in the House of Commons indicated, were to secure the establishment of a perpetual and exclusive slaveholding republic. In such a novel case the Government of the United States was entitled to expect the earnest good will, sympathy and moral support of Great Britain. It was with painful astonishment, therefore, that the United States Government received information of the decision of Her Majesty's Government which had already been made, namely, on the 6th day of May, 1861, and was announced on that day in the House of Commons by Mr. GLADSTONE, and was followed by the issue on the 13th of May, 1861, of a proclamation, which in effect recognized the insurgents as a belligerent Power, and raised them to the same level of neutral rights with the United States. The President does not deny, on the contrary he entertains, that every sovereign Power decides for itself on the responsibility the question whether or not it will at a given time accord the status of belligerency to the insurgent subjects of another Power, as also the larger question of the independence of such subjects and their secession to the family of sovereign States. But the rightfulness of such an act depends on the occasion and the circumstances, and it is an act like the sovereign act of war, which the morality of the public law and practice requires should be deliberate, reasonable and just in reference to surrounding facts; national belligerency, indeed, like national independence, being but an existing fact tacitly recognized as such, without which such a declaration is only the indirect manifestation of a particular line of policy. The precipitancy of the declaration of the Queen's Government, as Mr. BUCHANAN characterized it, the remarkable celerity with which it followed the receipt of which it was made, appears in its having been determined on the 6th of May, four days prior to the arrival in London of any official knowledge of the President's proclamation of April 17, 1861, by reference to which the Queen's proclamation has sought to be defended, and that it was actually signed on the 13th of May, the very day of the arrival of Mr. ADAMS, the new American Minister, as if in the particular aim of forestalling and preventing explanations on the part of the United States. The premature of the measure is further shown by the very tenor of the proclamation, which sets forth its own reason, namely: "Whereas, hostilities have unhappily commenced between the United States of America and certain States styling themselves the Confederate States of America." Moreover, it is not presumable that the proclamation that was evidently but only a content, in reference to which it is not important to note that the language used is such as would fitly apply to parties wholly independent one of the other, so as thus to neglect or to suppress at least the critical circumstance that there have commenced of hostilities—this incipient conspiracy—was a mere domestic act of insurrection within the United States. But that which conclusively shows the unreasonable precipitancy of the measure is the fact that on that day (May 13, 1861), and, indeed, until long afterwards, not a battle had yet been fought between the insurgents and the United States, nor a combat even, save the solitary and isolated attack on Fort Sumter. Did such a hare commencement of hostilities constitute belligerency? Plainly not. There was at that time no such thing as a population elevated into a force and by the possession of war. Which Mr. CLARENDON points out as the test of belligerent condition. The assumed belligerency of the insurgents was a fiction—a war on paper only, not the field; like a paper blockade, the anticipation of a supposed belligerency to come, but which might never have come, had not this premature act encouraged by the Queen's Government. Indeed, as forcibly put by Mr. ADAMS, the Queen's declaration had the effect of creating posterior belligerency, instead of merely acknowledging an actual fact, and that belligerency, so far as it was concerned, proceeded from the pole of Great Britain alone, with the aid and recognition of the subjects of Great Britain. Secretary FISH proceeds to state certain circumstances under which recognition of belligerent rights might be forced upon a neutral Power, and continues: But there was no such fact of necessity—no such fact of continued and extensive conflict to justify the action of Great Britain in the present case. Hence the United States felt constrained at the time to regard the proclamation as the sign of a purpose of unfriendliness to them, and of friendliness to the insurgents, which might reasonably be expected to aggravate all the evils of the pending contest to strengthen the insurgents, and to embarrass the legitimate Government. And so it proved; for, as time went on, as the insurrection from political came at length to be military, as the continued controversy in the United States proceeded to exhibit itself in the organization of great armies and fleets, and in the prosecution of hostilities on a scale of gigantic magnitude. Then it was that the spirit of the Queen's proclamation showed itself in the event—seeing that in virtue of that proclamation maritime enterprises in the ports of Great Britain which would otherwise have been piratical were rendered lawful, and to the end continued to be the arsenal, the navy yard and the treasury of the insurgent confederates. A spectacle was thus presented without precedent or parallel in the history of civilized nations. Great Britain, although the professed friend of the United States, yet in time of avowed internal peace permitted armed cruisers to be fitted out and harbored and equipped in her ports, to cruise against the merchant ships of the United States, and to burn and destroy them until our maritime commerce was swept from the ocean. The merchant vessels were destroyed, particularly by captors who had no ports of their own in which to refit or condemn prizes, and whose only nationality was the quarter or decks of their ships, built and dispatched to sea, and not seldom in name, still professedly owned in Great Britain. Earl RUSSELL truly said: "It so happens that in this conflict the Confederates have no ports except those of the Mersey and the Clyde, from which to send out ships to cruise against the Federals." The number of our ships thus directly destroyed amounted to nearly two hundred, and the value of property destroyed to many millions. Indirectly the effect was to increase the rate of insurance in the United States, to diminish exports and imports, to drive our commerce, domestic industry and production, and to take away from the United States its immense foreign commerce, and to transfer this to the merchant vessels of Great Britain; so that while in the year 1860 the foreign merchant tonnage of the United States amounted to 2,546,337 tons, in 1866 it had sunk to 1,422,926 tons. The depreciation is represented by a corresponding increase in the tonnage of Great Britain during the same period to the amount of 1,139,630 tons; and the amount of commerce obstructed from the United States and transferred to Great Britain, during the same period, is in still greater proportions. Thus in effect, was against the United States was carried on from the ports of Great Britain, by British subjects, in the name of the Confederates. Mr. COBDEN, in the House of Commons, characterized by these very words the acts permitted or suffered by the British Government: "You have been carrying on war from these shores against the United States," he said, "and have been inflicting an amount of damage on the country greater than would have been produced by many ordinary wars." The guarantee of these facts may be appreciated by considering what had happened at other periods. In the latter period of the war of the French Revolution Great Britain was compelled to strain every nerve to maintain herself against the power of Napoleon. In such straits, by a long series of acts in dispute, she trespassed on the rights of neutrals, with special prejudice of the United States, to the result at length of actual war between the two nations; but neither in the events which preceded that war, nor in the events of the war itself, did the United States permit ships made by hands of Great Britain, as we did by the late rebellion, by the aid, direct or indirect, which she afforded to the Confederate insurgent States; for, while on the ocean our merchant service was destroyed by cruisers sent out from Great Britain, and our military service continually expanded by watchful and expertness working blockade runners fitted out in Great Britain by the official agents of the insurgents, on the hand it was in like manner the munitions of war and the wealth, drawn by the insurgents from Great Britain, which enabled them to withstand, year after year, the arms of the United States. In the midst of all this remonstrances of the Government of the United States were prompt, earnest and persistent. Our Minister in London appealed to the international amity of the British Government. He called on it to discharge the obligation of neutrality. He invoked the aid of the municipal laws of Great Britain. Ample proofs of the wrongs committed were submitted to the Queen's Government. Indeed, these wrongs were open, notorious, perpetrated in the face of day—the subject of debate and boast even in the House of Commons. The Queen's Ministers excused themselves by alleged defects in the municipal law of the country. Learned counsel either advised that the wrongs committed did not constitute violations of the municipal law, or else gave sanction to artful devices of deceit to cover up such violations of law; and, strange to say, the Courts of England or of Scotland up to the very highest, were occupied month after month with judicial technicalities of mature constructions in this respect, while the Queen's Government itself, including the omnipotent Parliament, which might have settled these questions in one hour by appropriate legislation, sat with folded arms as if unmindful of its international obligations, and suffered ship after ship to be constructed in its ports to wage war on the United States. We hold that the international duty of the Queen's Government in this respect was above and independent of the municipal laws of England. It was a sovereign duty, attaching to Great Britain as a sovereign power. The municipal law was but a means of repressing or punishing individual wrong-doers. The law of nations was the true and proper rule of duty for the Government. If the municipal laws were defective, that was a domestic incovenience to be remedied only by the local government, and for it to remedy or not, by suitable legislation, as it pleased. But no sovereign Power can rightfully plead the defect of its own domestic penal statutes as justification or extenuation of an international wrong done to another sovereign Power. Where the defects of the existing laws of Parliament had become apparent, the Government of the United States earnestly entreated the Queen's Ministers to provide the required remedy, as it would have been easy to do by a proper act of Parliament. But this the Queen's Government refused. The United States, at an early day in their history, had set the example of repressing violations of neutrality to the prejudice of Great Britain, by their own authority, and in the discharge of their own national duty, without waiting for the assistance of municipal statute. They afterward enacted such statutes for their own convenience, and as attestation of their good faith toward other nations; and on special occasions, where they were perceived to be necessary, we enacted new ones to meet the case, not deeming that such legislation was derogatory to our public dignity, but on the contrary conceiving that in so doing we best consulted the highest dictates of national dignity, self-respect and public honor; and if Great Britain had so acted she would have met the exigencies of the occasion she would have done much to save the two countries from the present controversy and all its possible consequences. Once before, in its intercourse with the United States, the Queen's Government had fallen into the error of assuming that by municipal law and by the measure of international rights and obligations, that is to say, when official agents of the British Government attempted to enlist military recruits in the neutral countries of Prussia, the United States and elsewhere for service against Russia, on the ground that the prohibitions of municipal law could be evaded, that would suffice, overlooking the paramount considerations of the respect due to the sovereign rights of the neutral Power. So on the present occasion, the Queen's Ministers seem to have committed the error of assuming that they need not look beyond their own local laws executed for their own domestic convenience, and might, under cover of the deficiencies of that law, disregard their sovereign duties toward another sovereign Power. Nor was it in our judgment any adequate excuse for the Queen's Ministers to profess the extreme tenderness of private rights or apprehension of action for damages in case of any attempt to arrest the many ships which either in England or Scotland were with ostentation publicly being constructed to cruise against the United States. Surely that was an imaginary difficulty, for if a case it presented the election between a serious complication of relations with the United States and the hazard of a legal conflict with JOHN LAIRD and CHARLES KIRK PEABOD. But the Government of the United States has never been able to see the force of this alleged difficulty. The common law of England is the common law of the United States, in both countries, and certainly in England, reverse seizures are made daily and ships prevented from going to sea on much less cause of suspicion than attached to the suspected ship of the Queen's Ministers. Nor, nor is it less in England, the previous order of the Government for its subsequent approval covers the acts of the subordinate officers. In both countries, or if not in England assuredly in the United States, under municipal laws in this behalf substantially the same, the officer would be perfectly in arresting ships charged with actual or intended violations of the sovereign rights of neutral duties of the States. Signal examples of this occur in the history of the United States. Thus during the great war between Great Britain and Napoleon, the complaints of its neutrals, by the British Consul at New-York, arrived that the bark Maury was being equipped there as a belligerent cruiser, on—this (and for less evidence than the American Consul at Liverpool exhibited against the Alabama) the bark Maury was arrested within an hour by telegraphic order from Washington, and the proceeding was prompt in and promptitude in maintenance of sovereign rights, and in discharge of the neutral duties of the United States have occurred, as is well known, under both the last and the present Administrations. Nay, at every period in our history the Government of the United States has not been content with preventing the departure of ships fitted out in violation of neutrality, and with putting a stop to military recruitment and expeditions of the same nature, but has further manifested its good faith in its respect for the sovereign rights and laws by punishing criminally the guilty parties. Examples of this occur in the early stages of the war of the French Revolution, on the occasion of the insurrection of the Spanish-American continental provinces, and of the revolutionary movements in the Spanish-American islands, and on various other occasions, including the existing insurrection in Cuba. But although such acts of violation of law were frequent in Great Britain, and susceptible of complete technical proof—notoriously flaunted directly in the face of the world, vanished out of sight at all, with the shallowest pretexts of deception, yet no efficient step appears to have been taken by the British Government to enforce the execution of its municipal laws, or to vindicate the majesty of its outraged sovereign power; and the Government of the United States is compelled to say that it can only wonder at the indifference and exceptions. When one Power demands of another the redress of alleged wrongs, and the latter entertains the idea of arbitration as the means of settling the question, it seems irrational to insist that the arbitration shall be a qualified and limited one, that the question shall be so framed as to imply there must thus be implication that such wrongs had been committed by intention, and that such implication would be injurious to the honor of the wrong-doing Government. On these premises arbitration may be the means of adjusting imaginary national wrongs, but of material cases—that is to say, if the grievances be serious the two nations must of necessity go to war, while neither desires it, which would be an absurd conclusion. Lord STANLEY and Lord CLARENDON appear to have seen this, and therefore to have suggested the particular question with more correct estimations of its incidents than Lord RUSSELL, and thereupon to have admitted as theory comprehensive arbitration concerning all questions between the Governments. But the convention which, in this view, was negotiated by the Earl of CLARENDON and Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON did not prove satisfactory to the Senate of the United States. It is well known to the Government of Great Britain that the President and the Senate of the United States are distinct powers of the Government, concerned in the conclusion of treaties and in the appointment of public officers, but not dependent one on the other, nor of necessity entertaining the same opinion on public questions. Each act on appropriate convictions of duty and of right, and the Senate has the same absolute power to reject a treaty as the President has to negotiate one. Of course it is not necessarily incumbent on the President to express approval or disapproval of an act of the Senate; but the President deems it due to the Senate, to himself and to the country to declare that he concurs with the Senate in disapproving of that Convention. Eleven particular reasons for this conclusion are sufficiently apparent in this dispatch. In addition to these general reasons, he thinks the provisions of the Convention were inadequate to provide reparation for the United States for the injuries done to the degree to which he considers the United States entitled to redress. Other and special reasons for the same conclusions have been explained in a previous dispatch, such, namely, as the time and circumstance of the negotiation, the simplicity character of the proposed arbitration, its channeling of the remedy, and its failure to determine any principle or otherwise to fix on a stable foundation the relations of two Governments. The President is not yet prepared to pronounce on the question of the indemnities which, he thinks, were due by Great Britain to individual citizens of the United States for the destruction of their property by rebel cruisers fitted out in the ports of Great Britain, nor is he now prepared to speak of the reparation which he thinks due by the British Government for the longer account of the vast national injuries it has inflicted on the United States. Nor does he attempt now to measure the relative effect of the various causes of injury, and whether by the untimely recognition of belligerency by suffering the fitting out of rebel cruisers, or by the supply of the arms and munitions of war to the Confederates, or otherwise in whatever manner; nor does it fall within the scope of this dispatch to discuss the important changes in the rules of the public law, the desirableness of which has been demonstrated by the incidents of the last few years, now under consideration, and which in view of the maritime prominence of Great Britain and the United States, it would befit them to mature and propose to the other States of Christendom. All these are subjects of future correspondence, which when the time for action shall arrive, the President will consider with sincere and earnest desire that all the differences between the two nations may be adjusted amicably and compatibly with the honor of each and to the promotion of future concord between them, to which end he will spare no efforts within the range of his conceived duty to the right and interest of the United States. At the present stage of controversy the sole object of the President is to state the position and maintain the attitude of the United States in the various relations and aspects of this grave controversy with Great Britain. It is the object of this paper, which you are at liberty to read to Lord CLARENDON, to state calmly and dispassionately, and with a more unreserved freedom than might be used in one addressed directly to the Queen's Government, what this Government seriously considers the injuries it has suffered. It is not written in the nature of a claim, for the United States now makes no demands against Her Majesty's Government on account of the injuries they feel that they have sustained. Although the United States are anxious for a settlement on a liberal and comprehensive basis of all the questions which have interfered with the friendly relations which they desire to exist between the two Governments, they do not now propose or desire to set any time for the settlement. On the contrary, they prefer to leave that question, and also the more important questions of the means of restoring the much-desired relations of perfect cordiality, and the preventing of the probability of like questions in the future, to the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. They will, however, be ready whenever Her Majesty's Government shall think the proper time has come for renewed negotiations to entertain any proposition which that Government shall think proper to propose, and to apply to such proposition their earnest and sincere wishes and endeavors for a solution, honorable and satisfactory to both countries.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

HAMILTON FISH.

MR. MOTLEY AT THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, LONDON, Oct. 16, 1869.

SIR: Referring to my No. 119 of the 12th inst., I have now to inform you that I had an interview at the Foreign Office by appointment yesterday with Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. I said to him that I had received from the United States Secretary of State a few days ago a long dispatch containing a full review of the grievances of which the position maintained by the United States on the main questions at issue between the two nations, together with a review of the causes and chief incidents of the controversy, and that I was at liberty to read the dispatch to him if he was inclined to hear it. Lord CLARENDON signifying his desire to hear it, I read the dispatch, no comments being made by either of us during the reading. When I had finished, his Lordship, who had listened throughout with profound attention observed that he could naturally not treat his memory sufficiently to be able to discuss such a topic of so long and important a dispatch after hearing it once read, so as to be able to discuss them. He asked if I was authorized to furnish him with a copy of it. I replied in the affirmative, and asked him to address a line to me officially, making that request. To this he assented. He did not, however, say it was at desired by me to enter into a general discussion of the subject, as I was instructed to express the hope of the President that Her Majesty's Government would be willing to conduct the discussion hereafter at Washington. I assured him that any proposition they have to make, and any views they have to offer there would be received, and carefully considered by the President, with a purpose to reach an amicable adjustment, if Her Majesty's Government were disposed to meet the United States in a fair spirit, and to lend a just ear to the reasonable complaints of the United States Government and the citizens of the United States complain. His Lordship said that he had listened attentively to the dispatch, but that it would be necessary for him to read and ponder it well, and to confer with his colleagues before discussing the subject at all, and before arriving at a decision on the request that the negotiations when reopened should be conducted at Washington. This terminated our official conversation. It is my duty to state that nothing could be more friendly and conciliatory than his Lordship's manner, or more earnest than his assurance of the desire of Her Majesty's Government for cordial and peaceful relations with the United States.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed.) JOHN L. MOTLEY.

LORD CLARENDON TO MR. THORNTON.

The papers which follow are the formal request for a copy of the dispatch by Lord CLARENDON, and Mr. MOTLEY's reply inclosing the document, with a general outline in his own language. His Lordship continues:

I have recited at length the concluding passages of Mr. FISH's dispatch, because they express many sentiments which Her Majesty's Government must accordially and sincerely reciprocate. The Government of Her Majesty, equally with the Government of the United States, earnestly desire that all differences between the two nations may be adjusted amicably and compatibly with the honor of each, and that all causes of future difference or disunion may be prevented, and they would heartily cooperate with the Government of the United States in laying down, as between themselves, and recommending for adoption by other maritime nations, such principles of maritime law as might obviate the recurrence of such grave difference between them; and it is because they earnestly desire to hasten the period at which these important objects may be accomplished, that Her Majesty's Government have determined not to follow Mr. FISH through the long recapitulation of the grievances that have been discussed, the voluminous correspondence that has taken place between the two Governments for several years; Her Majesty's Government had, indeed, hoped that by the conventions which, under the instructions to his Government, and with their full and deliberate concurrence, Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON signed with me on the 14th of January of the present year, all correspondence between the two Governments had been brought to an end, and that all matters in dispute would be referred for a settlement to a disinterested tribunal, with a view to that result. Her Majesty's Government had in some degree departed from their deliberate convictions and declared resolves. They agreed to the mode of settlement proposed by the United States Government, which we then, more than once, in the course of that negotiation, modified to meet the wishes of that Government; but they did so willingly because they thought the restoration of a good understanding between Great Britain and the United States might well be purchased by concessions kept within bounds and not inconsistent with the honor of this country. Her Majesty's Government learned with deep concern that the Senate of the United States, in the exercise of the powers unquestionably conferred upon it by the Constitution, rejected and the one of the Government under whose authority the convention was concluded, and, by rejecting it, had left open the whole controversy between the two countries, and had indefinitely prolonged the uncertainty attendant upon such a condition of things. Her Majesty's Government regret no less sincerely that the President of the United States concurs with the Senate in disapproving that treaty; but their regret would in some degree be diminished if Mr. FISH had been authorized to indicate some other mode of adjustment to be suggested between the two countries, which, as long as they remain open, cannot be favorable to a cordial good understanding between them. This, however, Mr. FISH has not been empowered to do, but he expresses the readiness of the President to consider any proposition emanating from this country. It is obvious, however, and Mr. FISH will probably on reflection admit that Her Majesty's Government cannot make any new proposition or run the risk of another unsuccessful negotiation until they have information more clearly than it has yet been, is contained in Mr. FISH's dispatch respecting the basis upon which the Government would be disposed to negotiate. But Her Majesty's Government fully agree with Mr. FISH in considering that it would be desirable to turn the difficulties which have arisen between the two Governments to account, by making the solution of them subservient to the adoption, as between themselves in the first instance, of such changes in the rules of public law as may prevent the recurrence between nations that may occur in them, of similar difficulties hereafter. You may assure Mr. FISH that Her Majesty's Government will be ready to cooperate with the Government of the United States for so salutary a result, which would redound to the mutual honor of both countries, and, it accepted by other maritime nations, have a most important influence toward establishing the peace of the world. You will read this dispatch to Mr. FISH, and give him a copy of it if he should desire to have one. I am,

CLARENDON.

EDWARD THORNTON, Esq., &c., &c.

THE PILGRIM FATHERS.

Anniversary of the Landing at Plymouth.

Dinner of the New-England Society—Speeches by Attorney-General Hoar, Mayor Hall, Governor Jewell, of Connecticut, Ex-Governor Low, of California, General McDowell and Others.

The New-England Society of the City of New-York celebrated its sixty-fourth anniversary and the two hundred and forty-ninth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock, by a dinner at Delmonico's, in Fourteenth-street, last evening. As usual at the dinners of the New-England Society, there was a very large attendance, the seats at the tables being all filled, and the banqueters numbering 250 or over. The arrangements for the festivities were carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. S. BAILEY, and were in every respect what they should be. Jos. H. CHOATE, Esq., President of the Society, presided at the head of the tables, and seated on his right and left were Mr. Hoar, President of the St. Andrew's Society, Mr. Field, of the St. Nicholas, W. C. Barrett, of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Mr. Dale, of the St. George's, Attorney-General Hoar, Hon. Wm. M. Evarts, His Honor Mayor Hall, Hon. Jno. Bigelow, Governor Jewell, of Connecticut, Ex-Governor Low, of California, General McDowell, Theodore Tilton, Rev. Dr. Schenck and others. Among the guests at the tables were Hon. Jno. A. Griswold, Jackson S. Schultz, D.D., Enton and a large number of prominent merchants, bankers and professional men.

On the removal of the cloth, Rev. Dr. POTTER returned thanks, and the President of the Society welcomed the members and invited guests to the festivities of the evening, and announced the first regular toast:

"The Day We Celebrate."

"'Twas was the day, the wintry sea
Moaned sadly on New-England's strand,
When first the thoughtful and the free—
Our Fathers trod the desert land."

He said they met this evening to commemorate the sixty-fourth anniversary of the New-England Society of the City of New-York, and the two hundred and forty-ninth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in dead of Winter on Plymouth Rock. He congratulated the members on the continued prosperity of the Society, and thanked them for conferring upon him once more the honor of a reelection to the Presidency. He also heartily welcomed the representatives of the sister societies who were present on the occasion. Referring to the Pilgrim Fathers, whose advent in America they had met to celebrate, he said they had whatever opprobrious epithet they might be called—whether "fanatics," "radicals" or what not—it mattered little, for they had since that time made all their names illustrious. [Applause.] Whatever virtues or capabilities of female character might be attributed to the Pilgrim mothers, they would all be found illustrated in the wives and daughters of the Pilgrim Fathers. Mr. CHOATE continued at considerable length and in a very humorous strain to speak of the Pilgrims in New-York, and the represent. Society of the Sons of New-England, particularly the Sons of St. Patrick, who had so faithfully fulfilled the injunctions of Scripture, to multiply and replenish the earth, and to take possession of the fowls of the air, the fishes of the sea, and everything living upon the earth—a consummation of the descendants of St. Patrick had literally obeyed in this City. He concluded by announcing the second regular toast—"The President of the United States."

Attorney-General HOAR was called upon to respond, and was introduced in a highly complimentary manner by the President.

He said, in reverence, that every New-England man had been led to feel, in view of the events of the last few years, that however much they might pride themselves on being New-Englanders, they yet prided themselves still more on being Americans. [Applause.] He was sure that it was fitting that had elected the chief Magistrate of the country than for the man ULYSSES S. GRANT. [Applause.] Though not of New-England birth, the President came of good New-England stock. In conversation with the President a few days ago he made a remark to this effect: "I hope to see the day when every man in this country will be able to follow his business where he pleases, to express his opinions freely, to vote for whom he pleases, (and have his vote counted,) without being molested; and then, if we can agree on the points of public credit, our political differences will not be of much account." [Great applause.] He was happy to meet the members of the New-England Society on this occasion, and closed with a few words of praise of the characteristics of New-England.

Mayor HALL announced the third regular toast, "The State of New-York," in response to which he read a letter from Senator CONKLING, who sent greeting to the liberty, the humanity and the manhood represented by the sons of New-England.

The fourth regular toast, "The City of New-York," Mayor HALL responded, alluding very humorously, and, at the same time, very complimentary, to the "venerable and witty President" of the New-England Society. He was not sure that he could safely swear allegiance to the codfish of New-England when he had eaten the codfish balls for breakfast this morning. [Great laughter and applause.] The Mayor then went on to show that the Pilgrim Fathers intended to land at the mouth of the Hudson River, instead of at Plymouth, and that they were only prevented from so doing by the treachery of one JONES, who landed a few yards from the place of BANCROFT's history. Therefore, it was meet that they should celebrate the virtues of their ancestors in this City, where they, as well as all other pilgrims from all parts of the earth, had received a hearty welcome. The true Pilgrim Rock of the United States was Manhattan Island, which had made it, so, and we were but filling the decrees of nature. It was the National Rock—it had always been loyal to the nation, and its sons of all nationalities had freely shed their blood whenever required, to maintain their new nationality. He proceeded in indiscriminate criticisms of the Press on the municipal Government of this City, and closed with the following language: The City of New-York is soon to have its governmental theatre under one stage manager, and not under a board of such quarreling directors as in SHAKSPEARE's time ruined Drury Lane. I believe that the statutory bill of the play will compel applause even from the Puritan Press critics of the pit as the curtain rises. I believe that the libretto will be regarded by all *habitués* of rival theatres with favor. I believe that the machinery behind the scenes will be skillfully managed, and that it work in as many of the existing grooves, and with as many of the present stage carpenters, as attention to harmony will permit. And I believe if my life is spared to appear before you on another anniversary, whether for forefathers or five others, or any greater number of forefathers, City or otherwise, you will agree that, although what you Puritans call this hell of New-York has been long paved with good intentions, it has not been roofed with broken promises!

To the fifth regular toast, "New-England," Governor JEWELL, of Connecticut, responded by thanking the assembly for the cordial reception extended to himself personally and for the compliment paid by the President to his State. He regretted that there were no Governors of New-England States present who could more fitly respond to the toast. He was proud to be ranked among the Governors of New-England; he was proud of the unity that there prevailed in Europe to those principles of liberty and humanity which had made this country what it was. The sons of New-England were scattered far and wide over the country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and he believed that, as they had made their influence felt for good, they had generally been found testing for freedom, for equal rights, for humanity and for God. [Applause.]

To the sixth regular toast, "Our Sister Societies," Mr. MOYNE, President of the St. Andrew's Society, responded eloquently, and alluded to the points of resemblance between New-England and Scotland in the character of the soil and in the education and training of her sons. Both countries had battled for freedom of conscience, for freedom of speech and for equal rights, and although both had persecuted what they deemed heretics, and had burned witches, yet they supply these days were past, and both countries now vied with each other in promoting education among their children, and spreading the principles of Christianity and liberty in the world.

Mr. DALE, Vice-President of St. George's Society, also responded to this toast, and congratulated the New-England Society on its prosperity, and thanked the members for the generous welcome that had been extended to the sister Societies.

Mr. PULESTON, President of the St. David's Society, was also called upon and responded in appropriate terms for the Welshmen, of whom he claimed ROGER WILLIAMS as a fair New-England representative man, and the mother of DANIEL WEBSTER, who was a Welsh woman, as a fit representative of New-England women.

Wm. C. BARRETT, Esq., responded for the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, in a very interesting and witty speech, which closed with the following sentiment: "The Nutmeg—where can he found a grater." [Applause.]

Mr. FIELD, of the St. Nicholas Society, being afflicted by a bad cold, responded in a very brief speech, which was read by Mr. MOYNE.

To the seventh regular toast—"The Free Speech of New-England," THEODORE TILTON responded in an eloquent speech in praise of free speech as illustrated not only by New-England men, but by the heroic men of other nations, of which he gave many notable illustrations.

The remaining regular toasts were: "The Common Schools of New-England," responded to by Rev. Dr. SCHENCK; "The New-Englanders of the Pacific Coast," responded to by Ex-Governor LOW, of California; "The Army and Navy," responded to by General MCDOWELL; the "Bar of New-York," responded to by Hon. Wm. M. EVARTS; the "Ladies" and the "Press."

Letters in answer to invitations to be present were read from President GRANT, Vice-President COLFAX, Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER, and others. The following is

MR. BEECHER'S LETTER.

My Dear Mr. Bailey:

I am sorry that I have an address to deliver to night in Brooklyn, and am therefore unable to accept your invitation.

Do not think for a moment that I am sticking to Mother Brooklyn from a proper share of those sufferings which you will undergo in memory of the Pilgrim fathers. I should rejoice to sit shivering with you around the chill table of Delmonico's in memory of Plymouth Rock, to gnaw the crust and sip the cold water as our revered ancestors did.

It does one good, in these degenerate days, occasionally to practice those self-denials which assimilate him to the primitive men of heroic history. Your sweet banquet will come into my memory as a little band of men willing to suffer for a principle, and boldly to face the trials and severities of a dinner at Delmonico's, which I solemnly believe would have tried the constancy of even the Pilgrims.

What an encouragement to virtue that we will our children—"If you endure Plymouth Rock you shall be rewarded with DELMONICO." Very truly yours,

DEC. 22, 1869. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Forefather's Day in Washington.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Forefather's Day is appropri

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Another List of Times' Advertisers and the Wares They Sell—Where to Get Good Things.

The time remaining for holiday purchases is exceedingly brief, as everybody well knows, and those who wish to lay in the usual store of good things must do so quickly. Persons who have not yet fulfilled the desires of their hearts in that direction, but who intend to do so, may profit by perusing the following list of reliable storekeepers and the wares which they offer to the public.

Holiday Publications.

E. P. DUTTON & Co., No. 713 Broadway, exhibit an assortment of holiday gift books which, for extent, variety and elegance, is scarcely equaled in this City. All the illustrated books of all the publishers are to be found on their shelves and tables, besides finely bound library books and standard publications, children's books in endless variety, bibles, prayer books, &c., &c. They are also the sole agents in this City of the Boston publishing house of FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co., whose illustrated holiday publications are becoming a specialty with that celebrated house, and surpass anything of the kind issued in this country. SWINTON'S *History of the Seventh Regiment*, superbly illustrated by HART, is among the latest of these publications just received by DUTTON & Co. Their store is also the headquarters of the Episcopal Society publications. Among other specialties for this season DUTTON & Co. have on hand the magnificent photographic views of Rome that are attracting so much attention, besides a large stock of chromos of every variety. Among the crowds of ladies and gentlemen who throng the elegant store of DUTTON & Co., from morning till late in the evening, none fails to find a holiday book or picture suited to his or her taste, and the attention and politeness bestowed upon customers by the proprietors and clerks give additional pleasure to the purchase.

GOUPIL'S fashionable emporium of art, Fifth-avenue, corner of Twenty-second-street, furnishes every description of paintings, chromos, engravings and artists' materials to be found in the market. A superb holiday present can be had at this establishment suitable to all tastes and pockets. It is worth the price of a good Christmas present to have the privilege free of expense of viewing the splendid paintings and works of art there exhibited.

S. R. WELLS, No. 389 Broadway, has a fine assortment of publications that are especially suited to the times. Books for boys, for girls, for everybody in fact, may be obtained here. *Wedlock; or, the Right Relations of the Sexes*, and *The Christian Household*, are among the latest publications of this house, where may also be had choice works on various topics.

HENRY LITOLFF'S, at No. 54 Union-square, (No. 211 Fourth-avenue,) offers complete collections of the great musical composers, at wonderfully low prices. He has also elegant and costly editions of the same productions, so that all persons can be accommodated at his *Verlag*.

DUNIGAN & BROTHERS old-established Catholic publishing house, No. 599 Broadway, is doing a rushing business. They are selling their own publications, which have always been popular with the Catholic community, besides innumerable articles of a religious character—rosaries, crucifixes, &c., of all varieties, at remarkably low prices. Bibles, prayer books, &c., beautifully illustrated, eminently suited as presents to Catholic friends, may be had here in any quantity.

JAMES MILLER, No. 647 Broadway, is fully employed in attending to the demands of his numerous customers, who are continually applying for chromos, fancy goods and stationery articles, of which MILLER has a full supply laid in for the holiday season. He has also a splendid stock of gift books, prominent among which is a beautifully illustrated edition of Mrs. ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING'S *Poems of Childhood*.

A. ASHER & Co., No. 546 Broadway, have a fine array of books appropriate for presents, including many elegantly-illustrated works, both English and American, as well as Bibles and prayer books, and stories and toy books for the juveniles. They have also a rich collection of engravings, and views of European and American scenery.

CASSELL, PETTER & GALPIN, of No. 596 Broadway, have a large stock of magnificent Bibles, with DORE'S illustrations. The Doré Bible, in two volumes, in rich, morocco binding, is one of the most elegant books ever gotten up.

Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, &c.

CHARLES BULLOCK, No. 501 Broadway, keeps one of the very best assortments of dry goods to be found in this City, a very large proportion of which has been selected with especial reference to the holiday trade, and which he is now selling at gold prices. Many of his dress goods are offered at lower figures than they would have commanded even before the suspension of specie payments. His assortment of silks and velvets is superb, while his laces for overskirts, veils, &c., are unequaled as to extent and variety. One peculiarity of this house is the superiority of its stock of table linen, a fact well known to the ladies, and which does much to account for the great trade always to be observed at No. 501 Broadway. In the white goods line, as well as in the matter of flannels, BULLOCK has always been noted for the excellence of his stock. He has also a fine assortment of shawls, hosiery, underwear, and likewise, French, German and English fancy goods and toys. Those desirous of making presents of any article in the lines of goods we have referred to will find their best interests served by calling at BULLOCK'S.

No dry goods house in this City is better or more deservedly known than W. K. PRYTON'S, Nos. 271 and 274 Bowery. Here may be had bargains in British, French and German dress goods, besides linens, flannels, every style of goods, in fact, that the purchaser may desire. PRYTON insists upon it that he can undersell Broadway houses, and yet make a handsome profit, by reason of the fact that he is not compelled to pay the excessive rents to which the latter are subjected. One thing is certain, the great amount of patronage he receives is beyond dispute—a self-evident proof that his goods give satisfaction, both as to price and quality.

The old-established house of BENNETT WILLIAMS, No. 772 Broadway, offers for the holiday season a large and splendid assortment of real laces at prices below the cost of importation. Also embroidered handkerchiefs, real lace coiffures, head dresses, capes, veils, kid gloves of the very finest quality and at prices that will be not less astonishing than gratifying to the purchaser.

SUCDEN & BRADBURY, Nos. 313 and 314 Bowery, offer a rich assortment of fine silks, satins, and other dry goods, for the holidays. Their stock includes all varieties of purple and fine linen for the apparel of the fair, as well as table and piano covers, napkins, collars, and all the *et cetera* of a full-grown dry-goods store.

NO. 13 VESEY-STREET.—This is a retail dry goods store, the only one so far down town, and judging from the crowds that frequent it, it is driving a large holiday trade. Black silks, French velvets, merinoes, alpacas and all kinds of hosiery goods are going off fast and cheap. A retail store in the lower part of the city has long been a desideratum, and this one "fills the bill."

Hats, Caps, Furs, &c.

D'ANCONI, the well-known superintendent of GENIN'S famous store, and his successor in business, may be found at No. 52 Sixth-avenue, where he has a large stock of furs of every description, which he offers for sale at twenty-five per cent. below Broadway prices. This is an excellent place to buy a set of furs, or a lady's, gent's, boy's or misses hat or cap for the holidays.

Musical Instruments.

RAVEN & BACON'S pianos, so long and favorably known to the public, may be seen of all varieties—grand, square and upright—at their warerooms No. 646 Broadway, where are also on exhibition, new scale pianos of their manufacture which are said to be superior to anything ever before made. RAVEN & BACON are among the oldest piano manufacturers in this country, having established their house in 1829.

JENNYS & SON offer for sale at their factory and warerooms Nos. 333 and 335 East Twenty-first-street, a large variety of first-class pianos at prices as low as they can be bought in this country.

A. WUNDERMANN, No. 629 Broadway, has pianos, accordeons and other musical instruments, as well as a large stock of American and foreign music which he offers at low prices.

CURRENT NOTES.

The Rochester *Chronicle* is to have new type and to be enlarged.

A Utica paper reports that Corning is having its annual temperance revival. But Corning is a town and not a State.

The Hartford *Courant* thinks that the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment will add from 1,500 to 1,800 to the voters of Connecticut.

The trotting stallion *Billy Lockwood*, which has made a half mile in 1:15½, and for which his owner refused $5,000 at the last Buffalo meeting, died in Detroit on Tuesday.

The *Yale Lit.* divides the great mass of periodical literature into College papers and Outside papers, College magazines and Outside magazines.

A convict from Cattaraugus County, in the Auburn Prison, has been left property in this City valued at $20,000. He has served six months of a term of two years and six months.

The Fifth Regiment of the Maryland National Guard purpose attending the funeral of GEORGE PEABODY as the representatives of the City of Baltimore.

The bees that should have been busy last Summer loitered among the flowers; consequently, honey is scarce, and many swarms must be fed to save them from starving.

The New-Orleans *Times* offers to pay HIRAM POWERS, on behalf of the Franklin Association of New-Orleans, "the balance of $2,000 due on the original contract of $5,000 for a statue of FRANKLIN when completed."

A German lady in Buffalo has an autograph of GOETHE, subscribed to a certificate of ability and good character given by him to a young man, her relative, now dead. She is willing to sell it.

Hon. EMANUEL C. REIGART, of Lancaster, Penn., died on Sunday of apoplexy, aged 74 years. He was long prominent in politics in his State, and first nominated THADDEUS STEVENS for Congress.

The quickest trips by sailing vessels from Japan to San Francisco were made in 1866 and 1867 by the bark *Archibald* and ship *Cordilleras*; the time in each case being twenty-five days.

A writer in the Auburn *News* reports that there is in Aurelius a large deposit of white sand and marine shells, interspersed in great profusion with petrified fish, bones of animals, fish and reptiles.

The Eight-hour League in Oakland, Cal., has decided to disregard the Eight-hour law, and go to work on the ten-hour system. The capitalists have consequently resumed building operations.

The Chicago *Tribune* learns that an "embassy" from Tammany is now litterating the Western States "on a sort of rag-and-bone business, trying to buy up Democratic newspapers to support HOFFMAN's nomination for the Presidency".

Several Missouri papers reported that "Brick" received one vote in the Kentucky Legislature for United States Senator. One even editorially commented upon the fact, apparently not suspecting that the name of "the Eagle of Kentucky" was thus disguised as "Mr. Brick."

They tell this tale of a gentleman who lives in New-Haven: "He was suffering from the toothache, and, to ease the pain, filled his mouth with alcohol. Thinking to see it flame up, he discharged the liquid into the fire, when, in an instant, it burst into a flame, caught his whiskers and singed them clean off."

Hon. GERRIT SMITH is carrying on his war upon the National Temperance Society with some vigor. He says it "hates" him because of his faithfulness in expressing its character, while it ought to "love" him for going (though, alas, it was in vain!) in his middle age and old age from temperance meeting to temperance meeting to beg it to resolve, honestly and starkly, against dram-shop voting.

A wealthy citizen of Lockport who had a presentiment that his first railroad journey would cause his death, chartered a hack last week to take him, his wife and his child to Syracuse, and during a severe snow storm the vehicle was overturned while entering Auburn by contact with the embankment of the Southern Central Railroad, tumbling the passengers into the snow, and apparently giving confirmation to his railroad theory.

"E. S. A." is right in thinking that "bills of the denomination of $3 were issued at the time the first greenbacks were issued," but they were bills on the State banks. Plates were prepared for a $3 greenback, but no bills of that denomination were circulated. We trust that the "appeal" of E. S. A. was made from a sincere desire for the truth, and not merely from a desire to prove to a friend that he was wrong.

Since the election in Texas General E. J. DAVIS has said that he favored the removal of all disabilities as soon as the State is readmitted; that he favored the adoption of a general system of internal improvement by the Legislature, although they should act very cautiously; that he thought the education of all classes should be fully provided for; and that every effort should be made to induce immigration from Europe and elsewhere, only excepting the Chinese. The State now, he says, is practically out of debt.

One hundred years ago Rev. S. KIRKLAND wrote: "The manner in wch ye ppl. in yes parts keep Xmas day in commemor'n of the birth of ye Savior, as ye pretend, is very affect'g and strik'g. They generally assemble for read'g prayers, or Divine service—but after, they eat, drink and make merry. They allow of no work or servile labor on ys day and ye follow's—their servants are free—but drunk'g, swear'g, fight'g and frolic'g are not only allowed, but seem to be essential to ye joy of ys day." But that was in the Mohawk Valley one hundred years ago. It would be very unjust and very untrue in these enlightened days in any part of New-York State.

The statement that the Shaker *habeas corpus* case has been concluded is an error, Judge MILLER, of the Third Circuit, in his opinion rendered some three weeks since, and but lately published, decided that Mrs. BARBOUR was entitled to the custody of her child, owing to a defect in the indentures under which it was claimed that she was held by the Shakers; but he granted a stay of proceedings in case an appeal was made from his decision. An appeal was taken, and the case was argued before the General Term of the Supreme Court, held at Albany, on Tuesday. It therefore depends upon the decision of the full Bench whether the Shakers retain possession of the child, or whether Judge MILLER is sustained and the girl returned to the care of her relatives.

A Massachusetts Man in a Quicksand at the Bottom of a Well—An Extraordinary Affair—The Efforts to Release Him.

From the Boston Journal, Dec. 21.

A singular accident, and one that caused the greatest excitement in the quiet town of Winchester, occurred on Monday. A man named WING has been employed a few days past in repairing or rebuilding a well upon the premises of Mr. CAMERON. Monday he was at work about thirty feet below the surface, at the bottom of the well; laying brick, with which the well was to be built. He is a man weighing over 200 pounds, of large frame. He was standing in the water and sand at the bottom, and insensibly to himself, gradually sank until he discovered that his feet and legs, nearly to the knees, were embedded in a quicksand. He made repeated attempts to move, but found that he was stuck fast. Those at work at the mouth of the well were informed of the fact, and the rope was fastened about him and an attempt made to pull him out by the aid of the windlass at the top. They were unable to move him at all, and the pain to him was so acute that they were compelled to desist. Ropes were then attached so that he should not sink any deeper, and attempts were made to dig him out. The well being small and Mr. WING very large, no one could get inside the brick work to assist him, and he has been compelled to do all the digging himself with pails or cups, passing them as he filled them to some one above. The sand constantly filled in as he dug it out, and in this condition he remained all the night. Blankets and other manis were sent down to him, and he was alive and in as good spirits next morning as a man could be under such circumstances. Additional men worked in the well eight hours Monday night, assisting the unfortunate man to extricate himself. At about 8 o'clock the first bags of the lime were run, and in that way gladded, we obtained the news that he had been at work and on watch as well during the night.

With daylight the men renewed their efforts with vigor, occasionally pausing to speak as encouraging word to the poor victim. The first train to Boston bore a gentleman in quest of some professional minors, who might possibly suggest some quick method of release. On their arrival at the scene of operation these gentlemen immediately ordered some piles to be driven about him, in order that the adhesive and contracting properties of the sediment might meet with some resistance. This was partly complied, when it was found that any pulling of Mr. WING was resulting loose, and after some boring with long augers, and a constant pulling upward of the entire body by means of the windlass above, the limb was cleared, amid much cheering from the crowd who surrounded the well at the imminent risk not only of receiving a fate similar to that of the man whom they were endeavoring to rescue, but also of breaking their necks. This was at 11 o'clock. The wood driven into the clay so relieved the pressure upon Mr. WING's body that one hour and a half later he was pulled up and placed in terra firma, though in a very exhausted condition. He was immediately conveyed to Mr. CAMERON'S house, and Dr. WINSOR and Mr. CAMERON endeavored to restore the benumbed limbs. Fortunately, the well water, though intensely cold, had not the slightest particle of frost in it, else, very serious consequences would have followed. As it, about 1 o'clock, the movement in now doing well, and the physicians apprehend no serious injury from his incarceration of twenty-one and a half hours. The citizens exerted themselves to the utmost to rescue Mr. WING, and every fresh idea brought forward during the weary work found plenty of willing hands ready to take hold. The brick work around the bottom of the well and also the curbing were torn to pieces in the frantic endeavors of the workmen to save the life of the unfortunate man.

THE LATE GEORGE PEABODY.

A Vindication of His Course During the War—Mr. Thurlow Weed's Letter.

Mr. THURLOW WEED, in his letter addressed to the Commercial *Advertiser*, says:

Believing that there are few, if any, of his countrymen, who would intentionally misunderstand the character or do injustice to the memory of the late GEORGE PEABODY, I feel constrained to submit facts within my own knowledge, which I cannot but believe will correct the too prevalent impression, that either his sentiments or his sympathies were with the Confederacy or Rebel States during the rebellion.

My acquaintance with Mr. PEABODY, commencing in 1842, in London, ripened into a friendship that was only interrupted by his death. He resided in the, in 1858, (when I was again in London,) the benevolent purposes which, years afterward, were so nobly carried out. I was much with him in 1861, while he was maturing his first great contribution to the poor of London. When he arrived here, in 1866, he communicated his then immature programme for the education and elevation of the Southern poor, and consulted with me in relation to suitable men for trustees. And it may be proper to say here, that the beneficent plan finally adopted, was the suggestion of Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Boston. I passed two hours in confidential conversation with Mr. PEABODY, the day before he bade adieu, for the last time, to this country. He told me what he had been doing while here, and what his intentions were on his return to England; adding that if he was spared to come again to America, he should come a poorer man than when he left it in 1857. I mention these circumstances now only for the purpose of showing that with the opportunities I had in London, in 1861 and 1862, of ascertaining Mr. PEABODY'S views, I am not likely to have formed an erroneous opinion.

Mr. WEED goes on to describe an interview which he had with Mr. PEABODY in December, 1861, and in which he explained to the banker the true cause of the war. Mr. WEED says: Mr. PEABODY listened very attentively, and replied that he now acknowledged that the side of the North was stronger than he had regarded it; that for several months his conversations had been with Americans who presented the question in a widely different aspect; that the business years of his American life, had been passed in Georgetown and Baltimore; that his sympathies, while in England, had not been with Abolitionists; and that during the many years of excitement upon the subject of slavery, he had regarded the ultras of the North and the South as equally mischievous; and that this view of the question had led him to regard extreme men of both sections as enemies to the Union; but, he added, that his devotion to our Government and Union was so strong that, painful as was the thought of a war with our own brethren, if he were at home, he should stand by the Government, and that whatever he could do then and there for the Union cause, he would do cheerfully. He then offered to cooperate with Bishop MCILVAINE and myself in promoting the objects of our mission; and before leaving his seat he wrote a note to Sir J. EMERSON TENANT, an influential British statesman, which brought me an invitation to dine that day with a distinguished party of gentlemen, who were quite anxious to talk upon American questions, and not unwilling to hear and accept the truth. Sir EMERSON himself was warmly our friend; and I met at his table Lord CLARENDON PAGET, Major-General Sir JOHN WILSON, Mr. PEABODY and several members of Parliament, who inquired anxiously about our affairs, and most of whom rendered us good service afterward.

One source of mischief and annoyance was in the constant perversions of telegraphic dispatches from America. Information relating to our war was looked for with intense solicitude; but there was neither justice nor fairness in telegraphic reports. Rebel successes were every day magnified, and a confederate coloring was given to all dispatches. This was the subject of daily conversation at the Legation, and among the few friends of the Union then in London. I consulted Mr. PEABODY in regard to a movement for the correction of this abuse. He entered cordially into the plan, and authorized me to call upon him for what funds might be required to accomplish the object. But it was found to be impracticable, and we were compelled to submit to the wrong as long as Mr. REUTER thought proper to pervert, distort and garble telegrams.

During our residence in London, I was every day at the banking house of Messrs. PEABODY & MORGAN, where I was accustomed to meet Union friends; but during the whole time, from December, 1861, to June, 1862, I never encountered a secessionist either at Mr. PEABODY'S bank or lodgings. And I deem this fact conclusive evidence that the imputation of Southern sympathies against Mr. PEABODY, is unfounded. "Birds of a feather," if not constantly in communion, will find occasions to interchange views; but while London abounded with secessionists, there were no relations, either political, financial, or social, between Mr. PEABODY, or his partner, Mr. MORGAN, with such men as Mr. MASON, Mr. MANN, GEORGE SANDERS, &c., &c.

For the first two or three months our intelligence from home was anything but encouraging. The news of our first great success—the capture of Fort Henry—came—was brought to my lodgings by Mr. PEABODY, who received it by telegram some hours before it was publicly known. He then drove to the Legation to announce the good news to Mr. ADAMS, but returned late in the evening with Mr. BANCROFT, (now Sir CURTIS,) to meet Sir HENRY HOLLAND, Mr. FOX, Bishop McIlvaine, Mr. Kinkaird, M. P., Mr. Torrens, M. P., Mr. I. S. Morgan, Mr. J. Bancroft Davis, &c., whom the auspicious news had brought together. I know of no more unerring test of men's real sentiments and sympathies in a season of war than their manner of receiving war news. I remember well during our war of 1812, with England, when the citizens of a village were assembled at the Post Office, anxiously awaiting the opening of the mail, that if the news was favorable to our arms the ultra Federalists would drop their eyes and turn sullenly away; but that when the news was disastrous, in spite of their efforts to conceal their real feelings, their countenances would light up, and they would inquire, significantly, of Republicans, what was the news from the army? Tried by that test, Mr. PEABODY'S sympathies were loyal, for he voluntarily gave out of his way to bring news of an important Union victory; though he never ceased, as often as he had occasion to speak on the subject, to deplore the war.

In the attempts that were made by Confederate sympathizers in Parliament to induce a recognition of the Rebel Government, and to destroy our blockade, Mr. PEABODY manifested his direction to the North by serious efforts in our favor. He authorized me, as I have no doubt he did my colleague, Bishop McIlvaine, to call on him whenever I thought he could be of service to our cause.

To all, and there were many English capitalists who applied to Mr. PEABODY for information, he replied to Confederate agents, he scouted them as rebels. And I cannot nothing regarding that he never directly or indirectly avowed or implied any sympathy or preference for the Rebellion. That his general sympathies were with the South, I do not, in the light of my knowledge of his character, believe; but I most earnestly suppose that his sympathies were with the South I can understand, but they certainly misapprehended.

Some of Mr. PEABODY'S accusers discern, or think they discern, evidence of rebel sympathies in his great educational gift for the poor of the formerly slave States; but even in this they err. Two years, until some days after the proclamation of the war, was intended for the City of New-York. Soon after handing his check for 100,000 guineas to his London trustees, he reverted to what he had told me fifteen years earlier, that he intended to do something for the industrious poor of New-York, adding that as he was then a much richer man, his donation would be a much larger one; and that he intended to carry out his purpose, after his then approaching withdrawal from business. But the war and its consequences changed his views. While the population of the South had multiplied in numbers, the City of New-York had not only been growing in wealth, but established schools, the doors of which were wide open to every child in the City; but we were also fortunate in having among our citizens several capitalists vastly richer than that Southern Rebel sympathizer, while in his thoughts, had not decided his action when he arrived, nor until he had conversed with several Northern friends, all of whom approved of the effort to educate and elevate the masses in ignorance and poverty, black and white, which perhaps of the whole life of our capitalist, exclusively to the best interests of our country.

Let us remember that Mr. PEABODY amassed his fortune in England, and that while he gave liberally to London, he gave much more liberally to America. We enjoy the "lion's share" of his wealth. England in payment honors and honors to his memory that were never bestowed upon any other private citizen. GEORGE HUDSON endowed a hospital in Edinburgh, for which Sir WALTER SCOTT rendered his name illustrious. GEORGE PEABODY has provided for the welfare and happiness of millions, for which England is sending home his remains as "tenderly" and with as much respect as could have been paid to one of her own monarchs. It would be painful, therefore, upon their arrival here, to find discordant notes mingling with and jarring the harmonies of an occasion which awakens alike the sorrow and gratitude and the profound sorrow of his country men.

PROSPECT PARK WATER SUPPLY.

The Largest Well in the World—Capacity 1,000,000 Gallons of Water per Day.

One of the grand necessities of the Prospect Park, that of providing for a continual supply of water for all the purposes of the Park developed itself as the Commissioners progressed with their stupendous undertaking. Mr. STRAHAN, the indefatigable President of the Board, after carefully weighing the cost, the practicability and importance of having an independent water supply for the Park, advised the Commissioner of the plan which had suggested itself and the calculations which had been made by the engineers relative to the project, and the work was commenced, the fruitless being to secure at least a partial supply of water by means of a well constructed in the Park. The subject was thus treated in the last annual report of Mr. C. C. MARTIN, the engineer in charge: "This well has been located on the south side of Lookout Hill, near the lake, and work was commenced upon it late in the season. After a careful consideration of various methods for sinking the well, it was decided to build the wall, and then to excavate the material from within, trusting to the weight of the wall to force it down. Sixteen feet of the wall was laid securely bolted together, before the excavation was commenced. A temporary curb 8 feet in depth in length was put up near the wall, so that the sweep of the boom commanded the interior of it. Iron buckets containing fourteen cubic feet each were obtained, and a six-horse power hoisting engine purchased. With these appliances the excavation was commenced, and continued with slight interruption until the work was suspended on account of the frost."

The well is now completed, and is one of the most important features of the Park. It is worthy to rank as a feat of engineering skill with any of the great works of modern times. The Commissioners decided to put its powers to the test yesterday afternoon, but owing to the unpropitious weather of the forenoon the trial was postponed. Nevertheless, Commissioners STRAHAN, FIEKE and HAYNES, with Mr. MARTIN, engineer in charge, and Mr. JOHN Y. CULTER, his assistant, were at the well. During the Summer some difficulties were encountered in the sinking of the wall, which were set down by superficial observers as the utter failure of the enterprise. Mr. STRAHAN received but little encouragement from his fellow Commissioners, some of whom had never seen greater works of engineering than the construction of street sewers. He assumed the responsibility of seeing the work through, feeling that the whole thing depended entirely upon the ability of the engineers, in which he had abundant faith. All obstacles were surmounted; the work proceeded and the well is now finished, and so far as is known, is constructed on the largest one in the world. The outer wall is fifty feet in diameter, two feet thick and fifty-four feet high. The inner curb or wall is thirty-five feet in diameter and two feet thick, having a depth of ten feet. The masonry, as seen from the top of the structure, is a mass of masonry of solidity. The water surface in the well is thirteen feet above high-tide level, and the depth of water in the well is fourteen feet. The pump foundations are entirely independent of the walls. This plan was adopted so as to obviate any possible difficulty which might arise from displacement. The pump is the Worthington patent, and, with a pressure of forty pounds, is capable of raising one million gallons of water every twenty-four hours a height of 176 feet, and is competent to a lift of 180 feet. The boiler house is a neat proceeding brick structure trimmed with Ohio stone, standing on the surface near the mouth of the well. The interior of the well is reached by a spiral stairway built in the wall, and commencing in the boiler house. In this way the engineer is able to reach the pump. It is a fact worthy of notice in connection with the construction of the wall, whether the sinking of the wall, but that the wall rests upon four feet of wooden cribwork, two feet thick and having an iron shield. The inner wall is built upon a similar crib only two feet deep, also shielded with iron. The Commissioners were led to the construction of this well in preference to the danger of any time of some accident taking place in connection with the Brooklyn Water Works which would render it necessary for the Water Board to cut off the Park supply so as to secure the citizens from suffering. The well has more than the necessary capacity to supply the Park abundantly with water, yielding a million gallons per day. It is established by the discovery that the time of drought from which the well is or may be likely to suffer occurs in the Fall. Besides these facts, it further appears that in order to furnish the supply of water to the Park the Water Board would have to go through the process of pumping their water twice to convey it to the required elevation, equal to 225 feet from its original level.

The work of the well will be to supply the Pools at an elevation of 225 feet. From the Pools the water is conducted to the Lake. Besides this, there is an independent connection with the Lake by which, as necessity may suggest, the water can be directed to the Lake, a lift of only seventy feet. The Lake, when completed, will occupy an area of fifty acres, which will be kept continually supplied with fresh water, the arrangements being such, or to be such, as will insure a permanent change of water and prevent any of the evils that may arise from stagnancy. The well is fed from the earth, consisting of a circuit of two miles, with a fall of five feet to the mile. From this circuit, it does not appear easy to exhaust the supply, as when the water is pumped out to four or five feet from the surface of the well it is replaced at a rate equal to the demand. Every allowance has been made for evaporation from the Lake and Pools, and the supply regarded as inexhaustible. Another important fact beside suggests itself; that is, that sufficient rain falls during the season in the area of two miles around the well to make the supply perennial. The Prospect Park Well is a credit to Brooklyn, and a grand triumph of enterprise for the Commissioners.

Another Policeman in Disrepute—He is Charged With Compounding a Felony.

At the Police trials held yesterday by Commissioner BOSWORTH, the only important case was that of HENRY YOUNG, of the Twenty-sixth (City Hall) Precinct, against whom the following evidence was given:

WILLIAM MCPHERSON, of Huron County, stated that on the 23d of November he purchased a Sewing Machine of the Arcade line of Messrs. No. 9 Hobokenstreet, which he reported to be the regular office of the line; he had with him at the time eleven eagles and two $5 gold pieces and $20 in greenbacks. The latter the man in the office offered to exchange into gold, and that being accepted, they put all the gold into a belt, and handed it back from where they filled a heavy belt upon his person. He had no conversation to acquaint him until after his arrival at Glasgow, where he first discovered that the belts had been cut and robbed of their contents. He informed him with one sovereign only about $11 in silver. He immediately returned to New-York, to which place he was given free passage by the Erie line. He had his suspicions that the man who supplied the belt was YOUNG, who detailed YOUNG to the case. Going to the place where he had been swindled, McPherson at once recognized the man who had robbed him and requested individual at once refused to pay his passage to Ohio and then to refund $100. McPherson consulted with YOUNG, who advised him to accept the offer, and that he would be paid the balance. He said that if he went to law he would probably get nothing, and would besides be confined for a long time in the House of Detention. Convinced by these representations of the officer, McPherson took the $100, and after leaving the office asked YOUNG if he owed him anything, to which he answered, "You can give me what you please." McPherson then offered him all of the bill, which YOUNG refused, and said he ought to have $5. McPherson then gave him $5, which he took; on cross-examination McPherson adhered strictly to all these statements.

YOUNG being examined in his defense admitted receiving the $5 and not reporting the fact to any of his superiors. He admitted giving the advice to settle, and only claimed that McPherson had implored him to do so. He denied neither the place nor the man by whom McPherson swindled.

LIFE INSURANCE.

A Curious Quarrel Between the British Commercial Life Insurance Company, the Continental Life Insurance Company, and Superintendent Barnes.

The case of GEORGE MORMONT vs. The British Commercial Life Insurance Company came up, yesterday, before Judge INGRAHAM, of the Supreme Court, on a motion to vacate an order made by Judge CARDOZO directing reinsurance of the defunct British Commercial Life Insurance Company in the Continental Life Insurance Company of this City. A large majority, in amount, of the policy holders have united in a petition to the Court to set aside this order of Judge CARDOZO, and have asked that their policies be reinsured in the Northwestern Insurance Company of Milwaukee. It appeared that after the making of the contract between Receiver BIXBY and the Continental Company, all the parties to the proceeding stipulated that the order directing that reinsurance be made in the Continental Company should be vacated, and that such company should be substituted as could be satisfactory to a majority of the policy holders.

Mr. WHITNEY appeared as counsel for the Continental Company, and opposed any change being made, and also opposed the vacating of the order of Judge CARDOZO. He statned that a "Ring" had been formed between Receiver BIXBY with the Company he represented, and that the Court had not the power on a simple motion to set it aside.

Mr. RAPALLO, for a majority of the policy holders, strongly urged that the wishes of those most deeply interested be regarded by the Court in the selection of a company to reinsure.

Mr. BARNES, Superintendent of the Insurance Department at Albany, explained in a few words the present condition of the funds of the British Commercial Life Insurance Company, a considerable amount of which are on deposit in his department. The Company in Great Britain, he said, is responsible for over 40,000 policies, but the security for the American policy holders he thought was ample. The British Company would readily accede to reinsurance in any good American Company. He thought the Court had the power to direct what was for the best interest of all. The only question involved, that he could see, was in what company should the reinsurance be effected.

Mr. C. A. SEWARD appeared as counsel for the receiver, BIXBY, appointed as such by Judge CARDOZO. He opposed the vacating of the order.

Mr. TEACH appeared for the British Commercial Company, and made a statement of the facts substantially as above.

Judge INGRAHAM said that from the facts then before him, the British Company is not insolvent, they having sufficient funds deposited to meet all their risks.

Ex-Judge JOHN K. PORTER said that he appeared for the Attorney-General, and, in behalf of Superintendent BARNES. He asked the Court to look at the attitude of certain third parties, or outsiders, who had, as it were, thrust themselves needlessly and improperly into this litigation.

His friend WHITNEY claimed his right to appear for the Continental Company, inasmuch as that Company had, on the 9th of November last, entered into a certain contract with Receiver BIXBY. If it was a contract at all, which he denied, it was one entered into with the Supreme Court. The latter had invited outside parties to come in and make propositions, and the whole proceeding, said Mr. PORTER, is an utter nullity, that is, the making of this arrangement with the receiver. His friend on the other side proposed to go on and ratify a contract between one BIXBY and the Continental Company, and to ask the Court to pay over $150,000 of money which is now in the Sub-Treasury of the State of New-York, so far as concerned the whole proceedings were *ex parte*. They proposed to take from the treasury of the State the sum of $250,000, and that, too, on a receiver's bond for not one-tenth of the amount; and all this provided that upon the Court putting the money into the receiver's hands the Continental Company would reinsure these risks. The contract, on its face, was absolutely void as against public policy. In conclusion Judge PORTER said that the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers were dead, wanted the money which rightfully belonged to them, and these innocent persons ought not to be involved in a long litigation. Justice, in such a case as this, ought not to become entangled in the folds of her own garments.

Mr. GRATZ MATHAX, one of the officers of the Court, in conclusion read an affidavit or two and made a few remarks, during which he informed the Court that he appeared in behalf of Judge CARDOZO's receiver, Mr. BIXBY. He insisted that the receiver had been regularly appointed, and had been guilty of no contempt of Court.

Judge PORTER said he did not claim that the receiver, under the circumstances, was guilty of contempt; although, if he had been aware of all the facts of the case, he would have been in contempt.

The decision of the Court was reserved.

The "Forlorn Hope."

The Forlorn Hope, THEODORE E. TOMLINSON, Esq., leader, met at Masonic Hall last evening for the purpose of perfecting its organization. The object of this body is to "aid the Democratic Party to express its power for the benefit of the people; to form a club where public policies will be developed; to make office honorable, legislation pure; to enable poor merit to compete with corrupt wealth; to reconcile labor and capital; to repeal all sumptuary laws; to guarantee all social evils; to pay all public debts; to reduce taxation; to provide cheap light, cheap transportation, cheap homes, food, raiment and shelter for every man; to vindicate the dignity of the citizen, and the sovereignty of the State."

The plan of organization proposed by the Forlorn Hope is to secure free halls for public discussion, for the use of the people, and for this purpose petitions are to be adopted, one addressed to the Common Council asking that body to discuss the question, and another to the Comptroller asking him to afford the people the fullest and most full information as to the cost of public buildings, the uses to which they are appropriated, and their annual expense.

Christmas Chimes at Trinity.

On Christmas Eve the following chimes and carols will be performed on the bells of Trinity Church, beginning at 2:30 P. M.:

1. Ringing the changes on eight bells.
2. Christmas Greeting—"On earth peace good will toward men."
3. Christmas Carol—"The Christmas Tree."
4. "The Holy Children and the Children of Jerusalem.
5. "Watchman tell us of the Night."
6. "By thy Birth Thou Holiest One."
7. Carol—"Christ was Born on Christmas Day."

On Christmas Day Mr. J. AYLIFFE will ring the following programme, beginning at 10:30 o'clock A. M.:

1. Ringing the changes on eight bells.
2. Carol—"Once in Royal David's City."
3. Carol—"Christmas is Come Again."
4. Carol—"The Children in the Temple."
5. Carol—"See the Morning Star is Dwelling."
6. Carol—"Christ was Born on Christmas Day."

A Fortune for Somebody—Important Law Suit—Millions Involved.

The most important law suit which has ever occupied the attention of the Courts of Kings County has just been commenced by JJ. DEWEY FAY, Esq., legal adviser of one of the interested parties. It appears that old PETER CALYER, who died in 1804, left his sons, PETER and JACOBUS CALYER, a life interest in his farm at Greenpoint, and to his wife and three daughters a life interest in four houses in Essex and Hester streets in this City. Some of the land at Greenpoint was sold by PETER CALYER the younger, as it is claimed without authority, and other portions of the estate are still in the possession of some of the descendants of the testator. That portion of Greenpoint situated between Oakland-street and the East River, and now built upon, constituted the old farm. A large number of fine residences and extensive manufactories establishments are located upon the land. The water front alone is estimated to be worth millions of dollars. To recover the land this suit has been commenced, and it is said that other actions will follow to obtain damages and compensation for the use of the property for many years past.

The Mercantile Library—Presentation of a Portrait of General Grant.

Mr. WILSON G. HUNT has presented to the Mercantile Library a splendid painting of President GRANT. The portrait is half length life size, and is considered by the friends of the President a most faithful likeness. It was painted by Mr. N. B. KITTELL, of this City, who received from Mr. HUNT a commission to paint it for the Mercantile Library in May last. Mr. KITTELL was favored by the President with several sittings, and occupied, during his stay of four weeks in Washington, a room in the White House as a studio. Mr. HUNT sent with the portrait a letter to the President of the Mercantile Library expressing his great interest in the institution, and his wishes for its continued prosperity; to which Mr. BORDEN replied as follows:

NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1869.

Wilson G. Hunt, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your letter donating to the Mercantile Library Association a portrait of the President of the United States. In behalf of the more than ten thousand active members of our institution, I beseech to offer you our hearty and heartfelt thanks. Of the gift itself I cannot speak too highly. The careful study of a gentleman of distinguished merit in his profession—the high incentive thus naturally afforded to a young man to become, if possible, by the generous purpose for which it was designed, assure to for the painting an intrinsic worth for which any expression of words must be, at the best, a meagre return. For this we thank you again and again. But this large-hearted act of yours is far dearer to us on other grounds. It recalls other and many

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SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Cardozo, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Nos. 1—Kings vs. Sledcott. 2—King vs. Sanford. 3—Boynton vs. Hoffman. 4—Cruger vs. Haight. 5—Ham vs. Cook. 6—Byrnes vs. McCann. 7—Dugan vs. Duryea. 8—Newell vs. Townsend. 9—Weis vs. Brinckerhoff. 10—Salmon vs. Gessfeld. 11—Solomon vs. Vander Kemel. 12—Fallon vs. Woodworth. 13—Dunlap vs. Odell. 14—Trimble vs. Stell. 15— vs. — 16—Beaghe vs. Hassard. 17—Smith vs. Rand. 18—Bartlett vs. The N. J

sentenced to seven years in the State Prison, was hard labor.

A colored man named John Jackson was charged with grand larceny. The prisoner was discharged.

A young lad named Frederick Pfeffer was indicted for larceny. Upon the statement of the Deputy District Attorney, who said he did not think the evidence to be produced was sufficient to substantiate the charge, the Recorder dismissed the prisoner's complaint.

An old offender named James McGuire pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery, and was sentenced to State Prison for five years, with hard labor.

Andrew McLear and James McGinnis were indicted on a charge of robbery in the first degree. It appeared from the evidence of the prosecutor, John McLaughlin, that on the evening of the 11th of December, he was passing through Jersey-street, when the prisoners knocked him down and robbed him of his watch and a few dollars. Corroborative evidence was given, and the jury found the prisoners guilty. They were sentenced to twenty years in the State Prison, with hard labor.

Charles Jackson was convicted, in the State Prison for two years and six months for petty larceny.

Mary Mulligan pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny, and was sentenced to the State Prison for three years and six months.

Robert O'Donnell pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, and was sentenced to State Prison for three years.

The Court then adjourned.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 22, 1869.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

$2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Cp.	116½	100 Cantn. M. Co.	35
2,000 U. S. 5-20s M. '64	111½	100 Adams Ex.	69½
1,000 U. S. 5-20s, '65	111½	100 do.	69½
20,000 U.S.1-30B., '68,n.	112½	100 Wells, Far. Ex.	27
2,000 do.	112½	100 do. ...bat. cell	24
1,000 U.S.5-20 C., '65,o	114	7 H. Y. Cen. & H.R.	130
1,000 U.S.5-20 C., '65	114	200 do. c.	131
6,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	114½	200 do. s.	131
15,000 U.S. 5s 10-40 C.	108½	Scrip N. Y. Cen.	111
1,000 do.	108½	Certificates	91½
2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, N.	116	200 do. ...bat. cell.	91½
1,000 M. C. R. R. 8s, s.	90	200 Reading	89½
1,000 do.	90	100 L. S. & M. S. R.	91½
1,000 La. 6s, 1887, Bds	75	1200 do. ...bat. cell	91½
1,000 N.Y. Cent. 6s, '70	102	100 Mich. Cen., bat cell	91
1,000 do.	102	100 do.	91
1,000 N.Y. Cent. 7s, '83	108	100 Pacific Mail	34½
1,000 Erie 6s, M.	77	200 Clev. & Pitts.	78
1,000 Chic. R. & Q. 6s	111	50 do.	78
5,000 Chic. & N.W. 7s, s.f.	85	100 Col. C. & I.M.R.	13½
1,000 Alt.&T.H.2d M.	70½	1000 Chic. & N. W.	82½
1,000 Tol. & W. Eq.	72	100 do.	82½
1,000 do.	72½	200 do.	82½
1,000 Mor. & Ess. 1st	90	100 do.	82½
1,000 do.	90½	200 Cin., Sut. & Cin.	50
4,000 C. & M. Con.	82	200 Chi. & N.W. Pf.	82½
5 Del. L. & W.	85	100 Mil. & St. P.	79½
1,000 Col. C. & I. C. 1st M.	77	100 P., F. W. & Chi.	69
do. s.	77	Cons.	69
2,000 Mil. & St. P. 1st	82	100 do.	69
2,000 Ohio & Miss. 1st	82	100 Ohio & Miss.	34½
2,000 Union Pacific 1st	97½	100 do.	34½
4,000 Pac. 7s, Gold '79	91	100 do.	34
State 6s	38½	10 Chic. R. & Q.	143
4,000 Chi.,R.I.&Pac.	97½	200 N. Y. Cen. R.	131
2,000 Ohio Pac. 6s, '90	75	100 do.	131
G. Bds.	82	100 do.	131½
8 Fourth Nat. Bk.	105½	100 do.	131½
8 Hanover Bank	102	100 Chic. C. & I. C. R.	19
8 Bank of Commerce	112	100 do.	19
New Pacific Mail	42½	100 do.	19½
200 do.	42	100 Rock. Hart. & E.	9

SECOND BOARD—12 M. AND 2 P. M.

$22,000 U. S. 6s, '81, N.	116½	$4,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65	114½
15,000 do.	116½	110,000 U.S.5-20C.'65,n	114½
5,000 do.	116½	50,000 do.	114
10,000 U.S.1-30B., '68,n.	112½	50,000 do.	114
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62.	112½	50,000 do.	114½
1,000 do.	112½	50,000 do.	114½
1,000 U.S.5-20 B., '64.	111½	50,000 do.	114½
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65.	114½	100 do.	114½
2,000 do.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 do.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '66.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 do.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 do.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 do.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '69.	114½	100 do.	114½
5,000 do.	114½	100 do.	114½

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$20,000 So. Cas. 6s, n.	42	10 Erie R.	21½
10,000 Ala. 5s, Ext. 30 Yr.	40	200 Reading	89½
7,000 Mo. 8s, b.c. bd	91	100 do.	89½
4,000 Tenn. 6s, n. c.	60½	200 do.	89½
2,000 Chi. & Mil. 7s	90	100 L. S. & M. S. R.	91½
2,000 Mor. & Ess. 1st M.	90½	200 do. ...bat. cell	91½
1,000 do.	90½	100 do.	91½
4,000 N.J., Cen. 7s, 1st	95	100 do.	91½
200 Clinton Co.	41½	100 do. ...bat. cell	91½
100 Pacific Mail	34½	100 Mich. Cen. R. R.	91
100 do. ...bat. cell	34½	100 Tol., W. & Wab.	41½
200 do.	34½	100 do.	41½
100 do.	34½	100 N.J. Cen. R.	80½
100 W. Un. Tel. ...b.c.	83½	100 do.	80½
510 Wells, Fargo Ex.	22	200 do.	80½
100 Adams Ex. ...b.c.	69	100 do.	80½
10 L. S. & M. S.	91½	100 Pitts., Ft. W. & C.	97
100 do.	91½	Guar.	94½
100 do.	91½	200 Chic. & Alton	141
100 do.	91½	100 Chic. & Alton	141
100 do. ...bat. cell	91½	500 C.,Cin.&Ind. C.R.	19½
100 do. ...bat. cell	91½		
100 N. Y. C. & H. R.	97½		

NEW NATIONAL BOARD—NOON.

200 Cumberland	10	100 Chi. & N. W.	82½
100 Marine	17½	100 do.	82½
200 Quick. M. Co.	10	15 American Gold	126½
100 do.	10	100 Erie	21½
100 do.	10	200 do.	21½
100 do.	10	200 do.	21½
100 W. Un. Tel.	82½	100 do.	21½
100 Pacific Mail	34	100 do.	21½
100 do.	34½	100 do.	21½
100 do.	34½	100 Canada Mining	75
100 Reading	89½	100 do.	75
200 do.	89½	1000 Central Pac.	109
100 L. S. & M. S. R.	91½	500 U. Pac. Fn.	32
100 do.	91½		

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22—P. M.

There was more demand for Gold to-day at the reduced figures of Monday and yesterday, and the sales from 120¼ gradually advanced to 121 ⅞ cent., several prominent buyers appearing in the Gold Room, at 120¾@120¾ ⅞ cent. The reaction from the lowest points of yesterday was apparently not the result of any upward alteration in the Foreign Exchanges, but of a speculative feeling that 120 ⅞ cent. is about as low as the price is likely to rule through the first months of the New Year, and that later in the season there is an equal chance that the market may improve. The Public Funds were also somewhat firmer in the forenoon, and there was a good disposition to buy after the awards on the $2,000,000 by the Treasury for the Sinking Fund at noon. The gross amount of Bonds offered was $3,306,000.

OFFERS TO SELL, UNITED STATES 5-20s, DEC. 22, 1869.

Corne & Stanton.		Vermilye & Co.	
$10,000 '65, c.	110.87	10,000 '65, c.	110.88
10,000 '65, c.	110.97	17,000 '65, c.	110.88
10,000 '65, c.	111.07	120,000 '65, c.	110.97
15,000 '65, c.	111.17	100,000 '65, c.	110.97
H. Clews & Co.		100,000 '65, c.	110.98
99,000 '65, p.	110.46	50,000 '65, r.	110.97
Drexel, Winthrop & Co.		10,000 '65, r.	110.99
10,000 '65, c.	110.99	10,000 '65, r.	110.99
20,000 '65, c.	111.22	10,000 '65, c.	110.99
60,000 '65, c.	111.22	Jos. Cunyngham & Co.	
Jas. Curryhey.		1,000 '65, c.	110.98
5,000 '65	110.49	1,000 '65, c.	110.98
20,000 '65, c.	110.49	10,000 '65, c.	110.98
5,000 '65, c.	110.49	12,000 '65, c.	110.98
Buckingham & Brown.		1,000 '67, c.	110.98
30,000 '65, r.	110.71	1,000 '67, c.	110.98
20,000 '65, c

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NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1869.

Amusements this Evening.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st., near Court-st.
PIPELE, (Italian Opera.) Leading characters by Miss C. K. Kellogg and Mr. G. Ronconi.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner Sixth-av.
MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. Leading characters by Messrs. Hackett, Wallee, and Miss Fanny Morant.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway and 13th-st.
WILD OATS. Leading characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, Gilbert and Miss Louisa Moore.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
LITTLE EMILY. Leading characters by Messrs. Stoddard, Banga, Miss Ione Burke and Miss Kate Newton.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near 5th-av.
THE DUKE'S MOTTO. Leading characters by Messrs. E. L. Davenport, Lewis and Mrs. Chanfrau.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
8th-av., corner 24th-st.
A DAY AFTER THE WEDDING.—Leading characters by Mr. Lingard and Miss Alice Dunning.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
UNDER THE GASLIGHT. Characters by Messrs. Mortimer, Stanley and Miss Longmore.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
WAITING FOR A VERDICT; VETERAN OF OLMUTZ.

THE TAMMANY.
14th-st., near 3d-av.
BURLESQUE, PANTOMIME, ATHLETIC FEATS, BALLET, &c.

WOOD'S MUSEUM AND MENAGERIE.
Broadway and 30th-st.
Afternoon—KENILWORTH. Evening—DORA BELLA. Large collection of curiosities.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
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FEATS OF PRESTIDIGITATION—By Prof. Hermann.

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SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.
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APOLLO HALL.
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On Christmas Day the TIMES will contain, in addition to a variety of special articles and correspondence, a very attractive selection of tales and sketches, from the pens of popular authors. This edition will be of unusual interest, and well adapted to Christmas morning reading. In the TIMES of Sunday will also be given a new story, and a number of choice extracts from contemporary literature.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A Marseilles, France, dispatch says that the British man-of-war *Deer Hound* was wrecked while on a voyage from Athens to Malta, and that Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, formerly British Secretary of State for India, who was on board, is believed to have perished....The new Bishops of Exeter, Bath and the Falkland Islands were yesterday consecrated at Westminster Abbey, London....The troops in Ireland are to be more generally billeted on the inhabitants.... The elections for Deputies to fill vacancies in the Cortes, by the withdrawal of those who took part in the insurrection, are ordered to be held Jan. 20, 1870. The Republican Deputies protest against the order and demand the restoration of the absent members....A subscription has been opened in Paris for the relief of the Spaniards ordered to leave France....Father HYACINTHE has arrived at Havre....The advocates of infallibility in the Ecumenical Council, it is said, are losing ground.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, the bills providing for the construction of the New-Mexico wagon road and the Des Moines Rapids' appropriation were passed. Mr. SUMNER introduced a new bill for reconstruction in Virginia, which, he gave notice, he should move as a substitute for the one reported from the Committee. Of the resolutions offered was one providing for an increase of two to the number of Lieutenant-Generals of the army, and a reduction from five to three in the number of Major-Generals. The House resolution in regard to the late Mr. PEABODY was concurred in, and the one in regard to a bronze statue of General GRANT was referred. A motion to refer the bill regulating Chinese immigration to the Committee on Commerce, after a discussion between Messrs. WILLIAMS, HOWARD, STEWART and COLE, was agreed to. The Washington Exposition bill was taken up, and, after a debate and the adoption of several amendments, was referred, with the proposed amendments, to the Committee on the District of Columbia. The President transmitted the *Alabama* correspondence called for by resolution, which was received. At 3 o'clock the Senate went into Executive session, and five hours after adjourned to Jan. 10.

In the House, after the introduction of a few bills of no general importance, a general debate was entered upon in Committee of the Whole. In a discussion on Congressional representation and State rights, Messrs. CULLOM, DAWES and ELDRIDGE took part. Mr. WASHBURN spoke at considerable length in favor of his proposed bill that the Government should take charge of the telegraph lines of the country in connection with the postal service. Messrs. OTTE and LOUGHRIDGE addressed the Committee on the financial situation, urging the necessity of economy in administering the various branches of the Government. Mr. SARGENT, of California, and Mr. KERR, made some remarks on matters of local interest, and Mr. LAWRENCE spoke in support of his bill requiring Pension Agents to make out pension papers without fee or charge. After the Committee rose a bill was introduced to amend the Internal Revenue law, repealing the clause allowing Street Railway Companies to add the Government tax to the fare of passengers, and Gas Companies the right to charge the tax to consumers. At 4:30 P. M. the House adjourned to the 10th of January next.

GENERAL.

The Georgia Reconstruction bill was sent to the President yesterday for signature.

In the case of the Marine Bank of New-York against the Globe Bank of Boston, for interest on money deposited pending suits in which the latter was summoned as trustee, and which were dismissed, Judge LOWELL, of the United States Circuit Court in Boston, decided that a void process does not furnish a legal excuse for withholding such interest.

Governor ASHLEY, of Montana, has sent a telegraphic dispatch to Washington denying that he has denounced the President's appointments or made a speech against the negro as a bid for Democratic support, and referring to his message and public record for his vindication against all misrepresentations.

Propellers have ceased running to Poughkeepsie, and navigation to that point is closed.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate, in response to the resolution of that body, copies of correspondence between the United States and Great Britain, since the rejection of the Johnson-Clarendon convention relating to the *Alabama* claims by the Senate. It does not come down to the assent of the British Government to the transfer of negotiations to Washington, and to the discussion of the question of neutral rights.

Hon. JOHN J. ROBBS died on Saturday in Washington, D. C., where he had resided for some years previous to his demise. He was a native of Virginia, and was a Representative in Congress from that State for from 1831 to 1833.

The extradition case of CALDWELL in Montreal, was yesterday postponed to await the arrival of two important witnesses from New-York.

WILLIAM ANDRUS, Sr., for many years publisher of the Ithaca Journal, and a Trustee of the Cornell University, died on the 20th inst., at his residence in Ithaca, in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

The murderer, ADAM TITUS, was executed yesterday at Carlisle, Penn., for killing a fellow-laborer, HENRY STARK, while in the woods at work, near Shiffensburg, in December, 1868.

LOCAL.

The two hundred and forty-ninth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims was celebrated by a grand banquet at Delmonico's last evening, given by the "New-England Society of the City of New-York," on the sixty-fourth anniversary of their organization. JOSEPH H. CHOATE, Esq., presided, and among the speakers were Attorney-General HOAR, General McDOWELL, Ex-Governor LOW, of California; Governor JEWELL, of Connecticut; Hon. WM. M. EVARTS, THEODORE TILTON, and others.

A motion was made yesterday before Judge INGRAHAM, of the Supreme Court, in the matter of MOONEY *vs.* The British Commercial Life Insurance Company, to have an order made by Judge CARDOZO vacated. The order appoints one BIXBY a receiver, and indorses an agreement giving to the Continental Life Insurance Company the business of reinsuring the policy-holders of the defunct British Commercial Company. Judge INGRAHAM reserved his decision.

Three Commissioners to estimate the value of the block of land bounded by Lexington and Fourth avenues, and Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets, to be taken for the site for the new Harlem Railroad Depot, were yesterday appointed by Judge BARNARD, of the Supreme Court.

The Commission appointed to investigate and report as to what reforms may be introduced in the discipline of our State Prisons met yesterday at the Astor House, and remained in session all day; but finally adjourned without agreeing on any plan to be submitted to the Legislature. The Commission will meet again on the 5th of January, 1870, at Albany.

The New "Alabama" Correspondence.

We have prepared the public for the correspondence on the renewal of the "*Alabama* claims" negotiation which we publish this morning. The most important news connected with that correspondence, we announced to our readers some weeks ago; but there are many weighty facts and arguments in the dispatches which deserve careful consideration. In the first place, we are satisfied that the public will cordially approve of the manner in which Secretary FISH has once more enumerated the injuries sustained by the Government and people of the United States, by the action of Great Britain during the war. It may, perhaps, be said that since the correspondence opens with the condition, that whenever the negotiations are renewed they shall be discussed in Washington, it is not quite clear what good end was to be answered by reviving every disputed point in a preliminary dispatch to Mr. MOTLEY. The controversy is in this position: The United States founds its claims upon a view of international obligations which England has hitherto repudiated. We say now that the argument must in future go on at Washington instead of London, and it may seem to some a loss of time to begin arguing it in London in the same breath. But the dispatch of Secretary FISH contains a very careful and able summary of all the preceding stages in the dispute, and reiterates, with great force and firmness, the ill usage which we clearly sustained by England's premature recognition of belligerency. Furthermore, the Secretary's statement that the former treaty was rejected in the interests of peace will command universal assent in this country. The historical value of the dispatch sent to Mr. MOTLEY last September can scarcely be overrated.

It will be seen that there has never been any disposition on the part of the President to allow the claims to be put out of sight and forgotten. Mr. MOTLEY was expressly instructed to ask that the suspension of the negotiations should last no longer than was absolutely necessary. The President further made the important proposition that whenever the question came up again for consideration, an attempt should be made between the two Governments to come to an agreement concerning their respective rights and duties as neutrals. Something of this kind can alone insure a permanent security against future complications. To close the *Alabama* claims without a distinct understanding for future guidance would be to adjust a temporary quarrel, and leave the exciting cause of it untouched, to work further mischief at some other time. The course taken by England in 1861 was denounced by two at least of her leading Liberal statesmen in the House of Commons, and Secretary FISH declares that it was "without precedent or parallel in the history of civilized nations."

The whole subject has now to be dealt with at the seat of our own Government. The United States has not receded from any one of the positions it has taken up during the protracted negotiations, while Great Britain has found itself compelled to relinquish the ground which Lord RUSSELL unwisely took as his standpoint. A similar spirit of concession may now result in a formal settlement of the difficulty. England certainly can yield without loss of dignity, for she has nothing to lose in honor to gain from other Powers to treat her as she thought proper to treat us. Our firmness in refusing to assent to imperfect compromises is as much in her interest as in that of the peace of the world. That consideration has doubtless had its influence upon the British Government, and induced it the more readily to comply with the preliminary conditions exacted by President GRANT.

How Shall the Surplus be Applied?

There is a cheery, pleasant thought associated with a large surplus revenue: it suggests prosperity on the part of the people, energy and ease on the part of the Government. And yet it implies temptations and dangers which neither Government nor people can afford to deprecate or deny.

The economy that may be most relied upon is that which is enforced. When a necessity exists for balancing closely expenditure and income, with a certainty that the margin afforded by the latter is narrow and perhaps uncertain, the probability is that thrift will be visible in the action of the Administration. Deficiency bills are damaging in a party sense, and under republican institutions no Government can safely incur debt to provide for its ordinary wants. Outlays must be regulated according to available means; when the latter are limited the Government must display thrift,—or embarrassment and unpopularity will follow.

The most serious obstacle to retrenchment, at this moment, arises from habits engendered by the enormous receipts and expenditures of the last nine years. During the war rigid economy was impossible. The accomplishment of a great purpose was of more account than the precise cost involved. Exorbitant taxation became a matter of course. The people were willing to pay anything to preserve the Union, and the Government profited by their profuse liberality. When peace returned war taxation remained. Every department of the Government had so familiarized itself with extravagant expenditures that the advocacy of retrenchment became an ungracious task. Vested interests had sprung up which sneered at and resisted it. Not until a Republican Administration came into hearty accord with a Republican Congress were large reductions rendered feasible. The courageous determination of General GRANT made possible a saving in army expenditures which to most other men would have seemed preposterous; a saving of twenty millions in that branch of the public service alone sufficiently explains the vigor with which he entered upon a work which, in a less degree, has extended to other departments.

It is not pretended, however, that all has been done which might be done to lessen the cost of government. Traditions of the war time still linger about the capital. The kind of retrenchment indicated by the *Atlantic Monthly* remains to be prosecuted,—the retrenchment "which requires comprehension and courage of no mean order; which consists, not in reducing offices to their minimum, but in consolidating establishments, detecting extensive duplications of power and agency, and bringing the force of Government at every point close to its work." That is to say, the economizing process, to be thorough, should be scientific. There must be system in it, and a readiness to push reforms to their furthest limit, regardless of their bearing upon individual interests. Congress cannot lag behind the Administration. The retrenchment which cuts down the army, lops off Barnacles from the navy, and purges other departments, must also embrace the franking privilege of Congress, and the prodigious plunder which is covered by printing of documents and perquisites generally. Nor is this all. Congress cannot perform its duty in the matter of saving if it give the slightest encouragement to the crowd that throng the lobby with schemes of divers kinds. It must say No, to applicants for subsidies; No, to plans for furthering works that may be delayed; No, to plots for beautifying the Capitol and sinking millions in new departmental buildings; No, to pretty little contrivances for paying bounties and enlarging the pension list; No—to projects for publishing maps and multiplying nice little arrangements known only to Senators and Representatives; No—to everything not actually essential for the maintenance of the public credit and the efficiency of the public service.

Now, the best possible guarantee against extravagant expenditures in any shape is the reduction of the surplus. With a surplus of a hundred millions or upwards, as under the present system of taxation, neither the Administration nor Congress fully realizes the urgency of the demand for the diminution of fiscal burdens, and the consequent rejection of all schemes involving the payment of public money. "Here is a large surplus"—the official argument runs; "why may not some millions be devoted to subsidies and new buildings?—why not go on paying off seventy or eighty, or even a hundred millions of the public debt?" The money is available—that is all which is thought of; at what cost to the country it is made available, neither the President nor Mr. BOUTWELL appears to have very carefully considered. Until this point be understood, there can be no assurance that retrenchment will be as radical and consistent as it should be to satisfy the just expectations of the people.

The main fact to be kept in view is this—the present surplus of a hundred millions or more represents, not the carefully-adjusted contributions of prosperous trade and well-to-do industry coupled with the proceeds of wise economy, but the excess of a taxation which is all-pervading, oppressive, and to the last degree exhausting. There would be some reason in a proposal to maintain so large a surplus, and to apply it to the discharge of debt not yet matured, if taxation had been revised and reduced to a point that might be borne with ease. But when it is remembered that every dollar of this hundred millions is wrung remorselessly from an industry which barely lives and a trade which is crippled—almost paralyzed—by the exactions of the tax-gatherer, the impolicy of continuing it becomes manifest. Nay, the duplicity of the deposits in a non-official character, he, in his turn, became a special depositor with the bank of the funds intrusted to him, and that in that way the bank did transcend its powers, and the directors become liable.

Whichever interpretation the Court gives of this rather doubtful point, one thing is sufficiently clear. The banks which go out of their legitimate path to establish a sort of private deposit business in the hands of their own officials must take warning. The legal aspect of the cases that have so far arisen is one thing, the moral another. The cashiers who act in the manner described, are not bankers, but they proceed in one sense as if they were. The institutions which they represent invest them with the public confidence, by means of which alone they are enabled to do their business. Undoubtedly depositors in such instances believe that the bank is the party with whom special deposits are left, and the directors do not generally undeceive them upon the point. The question of who receives the profits arising out of the transaction may not benefit the directors an iota, but it is the credit of the bank reflected in the person of its officer which is used. The whole matter in fact, if it does not involve a direct violation of the law, does involve an evasion of the law. It is to be hoped, however, that some definite conclusion may be arrived at upon the whole subject. If a bank may, by a third party, receive and take charge of special deposits, and in case of their loss be held irresponsible, the fact should be clearly understood.

St. Domingo and Samana.

The return of the three Commissioners, Generals BABCOCK, INGALLS and SACKETT, removes the veil of doubt enveloping our relations with St. Domingo. We are in a fair way to acquire that foothold in the West Indies which for twenty years it has been the aim of our Government to secure, and which only the great rebellion and its consequences have prevented us from acquiring hitherto. Instant and direct annexation of the whole island, however, is not contemplated by the present negotiations—though, doubtless, this result will duly follow. The Antilles will one day "gravitate"—as we are wont to express it—toward the Union, by force of commercial and political attraction. But, just now, the proposition in hand is actual rental and conditional acquisition. Our Commissioners have negotiated a treaty with BAEZ, who, for our purposes, is to be regarded as both *de facto* and *de jure* President of the Dominican Republic, despite the claims of CABRAL and his adherents. We cannot undertake to watch revolutions and counter-revolutions, or the rise and fall of successive Presidents or dynasties on the island. When we talked of this matter a few years ago, GEFFRARD was President of the western half of the island, the Republic of Hayti, and CABRAL of the eastern half, the Dominican Republic. They have since been deposed in turn by SALNAVE and BAEZ. Both of the latter (and particularly BAEZ) are in favor of annexation to the United States—possibly not from unselfish motives, but deeming, with truth, that in that way they will best replenish their drained exchequers and continue their dubious lease of power.

Mr. SEWARD, whose mind has always turned on territorial growth and commercial greatness, is entitled to the honor of first taking decisive steps to acquire a foothold in St. Domingo. For the tentative investigations of previous Administrations, long before, resulted only in initial surveys and reports by army and navy officers since become famous. But Mr. SEWARD was directly approached, through BAEZ, with propositions for the rent or sale of Samana, with privilege of purchase—a business-like transaction in real estate which provokes a smile, at first, when applied to the acquisition of the entire territory of a nation. The division of interest and diversion of attention produced by the rival bid of St. Thomas in the same market, (a bid contemporaneous or prior,) helped to carry the project over to the new Administration; as did, more effectually even, the unexpected opposition to the purchase of Alaska, which rendered real estate a drug in the market.

Nevertheless, it is, as we understand, the offer made by Mr. SEWARD, and once declined by BAEZ, which forms the basis of the present contract. The protocol provides for the immediate transfer of the Bay of Samana and the Peninsula appurtenant, with all rights and privileges thereto belonging, on a fifty years' lease, to the United States, the tenants yielding and paying therefor the sum of $150,000 yearly. And therewith is coupled the condition that at any time during the term of the lease, the property may be bought outright by our Government for the sum of $2,000,000—a fair estimate of price on the yearly rent.

Such are the terms of the incipient treaty which our Commissioners have made, and which will be laid before the Senate for ratification. It will be observed that the treaty does not involve, for the present, the question of the possession of the whole island, but that of the acquisition of a naval station. That in due time the rest of the island will follow Samana without price, is as probable as that the apple when ripe will fall from the tree. And it is to be noted, too, that while the question of expense will come up, even on this moderate rental, as it did in the case of Alaska, yet, unlike the latter, the acquisition of a foothold in the Antilles is now, as it always has been, a favorite project of the army and navy, especially of the latter. Long before the Alaska purchase was popularly mooted, our navy officers had pointed out the necessities and advantages of a naval station in the West Indies. It was as a naval and coaling station, and a depot for refitting and supply, that St. Thomas presented its claims. We are not prepared now to discuss the relative advantages of the Bay of Samana and the Harbor of Charlotte Amalie; but it is clear that for our special purpose either is sufficient, and the Dominican cheaper than the Danish possessions. Prominent officers in the army and navy, and prominent members of Congress, who opposed the buying of Alaska, advocated that of a naval foothold in the West Indies. Possibly some share of the fall of Cuba into our hands has somewhat delayed the present negotiations; and to this, perhaps, have the severe protests of Minister RAASLOFF and the authorities at Copenhagen, against our abandoning the negotiations in train with Denmark. However, the new Administration has never lost sight of the Samana purchase. The mission of General BABCOCK to the Bay last July was its first decisive step, and the present mission has completed the action. The rest of the story will be told when the treaty is put before the Senate.

In 1825, when a vote of welcome to LAFAYETTE was proposed in Congress, the only voice raised in opposition to it was that of a representative from Ohio. Mr. SCHENCK is anxious to eclipse the act of his jaundiced predecessor. He has followed the line taken by others, and attacked Mr. PEABODY for supposed sympathies with the rebel cause. Those who knew Mr. PEABODY best are well aware that the insinuations now uttered against his character are grossly unjust; but prejudice is stronger than facts. Mr. THURLOW WEED'S evidence ought to go far toward correcting the inaccurate statements lately put forward. Mr. SCHENCK is well known for his generosity of character and magnanimity toward political opponents. In an amiable moment even he may be constrained to do justice to the dead.

The audacity with which street thieves are carrying on their operations becomes more startling every day. The other evening a Police officer was riding on the front platform of a University-place car. When near Tenth-street some thieves attacked him, and succeeded in getting hold of his pocket-book. The officer caught one man, but the ruffian dextrously slipped out of his coat, and managed to make his escape. Scarcely a day passes without an equally daring robbery being committed. The passengers ought to try to protect themselves. As it is, they will look on while a robbery is committed, afraid to interfere. They dread the sudden production of a knife or a pistol. Timid persons ought to bear in mind the hints for self-defence which were given in our paper last Sunday.

We have an idea that Santa Claus, said to be an old-fashioned personage, is one of the most inventive geniuses of this inventive age. Only go into any of the toy shops and see what he has been doing for the last few decades. There you will find inventions, artifices, fancies, such as nobody ever dreamed of twenty or thirty years ago—crying babies, talking dolls, that stoop over trunks and peek them, sleds for infants, jumping-jacks that go by machinery; "fish-horses," that sound more dolefully than the horse of URI did at Nanci for the Duke of BURGUNDY, and about a million of other contrivances, before which an elderly person can only stand bewildered. All this looks extravagant as a means of amusing those who can amuse themselves with anything in the world—a jack-knife, or a rag doll. And yet, perhaps, it is a pardonable one, since it is a sort of carnival for the boys and girls, and furthermore, helps to take the wrinkles for a time out of the care-worn faces of the older people.

The agitation respecting the tariff, which has recently been quite marked in the West, has resulted in the organization, in St. Louis, of a League whose avowed object is to secure the repeal of every monopoly feature of the tariff, the repeal of duties upon the raw material of industry, and an adjustment of duties upon manufactured products so as to secure needed revenue for the Government without oppressively burdening the people. The League includes among its members leading representatives of both political parties, and the St. Louis *Democrat* says that the movement which it advocates will command the support of every State in the Mississippi Valley.

The Spanish gunboats that have been so long exposed to the pelting of the pitiless journalists and the other perils of a sojourn in the harbor of New-York, have at last escaped into the comparative calm waters of the Atlantic, as it usually rolls at this season in the neighborhood of Cape Hatteras. It is a relief to them to get among "Mother Carey's Chickens," away from the lawyers, sensational reporters and wharf rats of Manhattan. We shall miss them somewhat, since they have been furnishing us with daily items for some time; but they will turn up again very shortly, when they make their entrance into Havana. The people there, who often thought them as good as lost, will no doubt give them an ovation like that which welcomed the last regiment from Spain.

If it be true that Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE has been lost in the wreck of the British war steamer *Deer Hound*, a life of great promise has come to a premature end. Sir STAFFORD did not belong to the first order of statesmen; but he possessed considerable administrative powers, and invariably brought great industry and sagacity to the performance of any duties he undertook. He was once private Secretary to Mr. GLADSTONE, and in Mr. DISRAELI'S Ministry he held the important post of Secretary of State for India. Virtually, the Government of India was under his control; for in these days the Viceroy can do very little without the concurrence of the Secretary of State, who is assisted by a Council of "old Indians." Sir STAFFORD gave general satisfaction in an office of extreme difficulty; and, had Mr. DISRAELI remained longer in power, the Secretary would undoubtedly have permanently associated his name with many useful reforms in various departments of the Indian Government. As a speaker in the House of Commons he was somewhat heavy and labored, but he always commanded a ready hearing. He was a Liberal Conservative, and at the last election was left "out in the cold," in common with all his party, so far as political power was concerned. He made a gallant fight for his seat in North Devon, and was returned at the head of the poll. The Hudson's Bay Company appointed him their Chairman last Spring, and his diligence soon became a subject of remark, even among the practical men of business with whom he was thrown into contact. He was in his 51st year, and was on his way from Malta to Athens when the vessel in which he had embarked was wrecked.

As the various processes by which the world's wants are supplied increase in number and value, the necessity for their recognition as a part of popular education becomes more and more apparent. A farmer or mechanic, if he would be in line with the more advanced developments in those branches, must be scientifically educated. England is awakening to this, and we have, by the encouragement given to agricultural colleges, done something in one direction. Not that the nation should undertake the task of affording technical education, but the State may, and the various colleges have power to aid in such an effort with considerable effect. The Sheffield school of Yale College is an instance of what such original mines may consist of, and of what, were it more extended, it might be. An interesting record of labors in the history of the Polytechnicum at Zurich, Switzerland, which treats upon the question. That Republic found itself falling behind other nations in the products of human industry. The people of that town and Canton established a university, where everything that should be thought most valuable in the sciences, arts and manufactures was to be taught, and the success of the institution was immediate and striking. There are now, says Mr. J. SCOTT RUSSELL, speaking of it, 800 students, of whom 300 are Swiss and the rest from all other countries. Already the effect upon English trade is felt, as we may be expected, complained of.

The cooperative system does well when it grows naturally, and only fails when people set about it with too much theory and flourish and flushed expectation. We have seen how the thing succeeds among the penurious and patient men of Rochdale and other places in Europe; and now the Springfield journals tell us how the workmen of the Boston and Albany Railroad, in that city, have similarly prospered in the business. They begun from the beginning, with a box of soap; and making slow and steady gains, under the pressure of necessity, they have now got a crowd of things—a whole table of edible statistics that makes a most comfortable show. People wonder why this does not happen in other places. The reason is that to succeed it must be rather "small" and "slow;" and that explains matters sufficiently in a fast and flourishing community like ours.

WASHINGTON.

Nomination of Judge Hoar Tabled—Confirmation of Seven New Circuit Judges—Prospect for a Long Session—The Georgia Bill Signed by the President—The New-York Post Office.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Attorney-General HOAR has finally suffered an eclipse. He was to-day spared the pain of an absolute rejection by being laid on the table by a decided majority. The Judiciary Committee reported adversely to him this morning, his only supporter being Mr. TRUMBULL, and when his name came up a long and very spirited discussion ensued, which soon showed that his opponents were in the majority. The opposition combined several different elements—being political, sectional and personal. Want of confidence in his ability to properly fill the position was expressed; his views on public questions were criticised, and his recent financial letter quoted as evidence of his unsoundness on those matters. The Southern Senators were generally against him on the ground of locality, and many others opposed him because they disliked him. From the first it was apparent that it was not a question whether he should be confirmed or rejected, but whether his friends could succeed in letting him down easy, by laying the nomination on the table. It is proper to add that the chief opposition to the confirmation of Judge HOAR has unquestionably been inspired by a sense of the affronts which Senators and Representatives have received at his hands, and while it is to be regretted that such influences will affect the action of the Senators, it is equally unfortunate that the Attorney-General could not impress those who meet him on business as favorably as he does those who meet him socially. In other words, he has no one to blame for his discomfiture but himself. Some people suppose that as a consequence he will retire from the Cabinet; but I can learn nothing of any such intention. On the contrary, the indications seem otherwise, and he may still continue to pay his respects to his Senatorial friends, to their discomfiture.

THE CIRCUIT JUDGES.

The Senate confirmed seven out of the nine Circuit Judges, viz., Shepley, Woodruff, McKennan, Withey, Drummond, Dillon and Woods. Objection being made to Pearce, of the Fourth Circuit, and Sawyer, of the Ninth, they were laid over, which carries them beyond the holidays. The opposition to these two men is of a personal, factious character, and does not affect their merits as lawyers or men. The Senate having confirmed all the others it has no good reason for not confirming those when reached, for they are unquestionably among the very best on the list.

THE BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

The Ways and Means Committee will not after all sit during the recess, except to meet on 4th of January. The Bankers' and Currency Committee have also declined to meet during the recess, although its chairman, General GARFIELD, will spend the holidays here, and would like to press business. The indications point to a long session, as scarcely any of the leading measures are likely to be ready for action before the last of January.

THE GEORGIA BILL.

The President to-day signed the Georgia bill, and it goes into effect immediately. Governor BULLOCK will at once return to Georgia, and the Legislature will meet on the 10th of January.

THE NEW-YORK POST OFFICE.

The House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads had Mr. MULLETT, Supervising Architect, before them to-day, and examined him with reference to the plans and site of the New-York Post Office. He explained everything in detail, or rather in such detail as the Committee desired, on the question of the expenditure of money in excess of the appropriation. The Committee learned that there is $20,000 remaining in the Treasury here and about $100,000 to the credit of the disbursing agent in New-York. Mr. MULLETT will be further examined to-morrow. It is reported that there are no charges in writing before the Committee.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

THE REASON AT BOOTH'S.

We may be permitted, viewing the artistic worth of the performance, to call attention to the fact that Mr. HACKETT'S embodiment of *Falstaff*, in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," is to be applauded at Booth's during this week only. On Monday next a revival, for the perfection of which strong guarantees are offered, will take place, and "Guy Mannering," with Mrs. EMMA WALLER as *Meg Merrilies*, will be brought out. The first appearance of Mr. BOOTH in "Hamlet" is announced, positively, for Jan. 3.

Musical.

Y. M. C. A. CONCERT.

Miss KELLOGG, Mr. HARRY SANDERSON, Mr. S. P. WARREN and Mr. J. E. PERKINS were the artists chosen for the first of the holiday concerts given by this Association. Though the attendance was fair, considering the weather and the increase in the prices—the latter fact referred to, possibly, in the term "popular holiday concerts"—there ought to have been fewer empty benches. Mr. PERKINS sang a new version of "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," marked on the bill as "composed expressly for this occasion." Miss KELLOGG was heard to advantage in GOUNOD'S ever-popular serenade. The selections were all unusually short, possibly, we may suppose again, because of the augmented rates of admission. The concert, however, was good throughout.

Hearth and Home.

Hearth and Home, for the first day of 1870, is a prime number. MARY GIVEN on the initial page an illustration which he calls "The Dawn of the New-Year;" WORTH has on the last a series of comic sketches under the title of "New-Year's Day—Present and Future;" and among the other pictures is a portrait of Judge RAND HARRISON, the original of Cooper's Ree Hunter. The reading matter is as varied and entertaining as usual. Another installment of MARION HARLAND'S story, "Against Odds," is given, and also articles and short stories by REBECCA HARDING DAVIS, W. A. CROFUTT, Grace Greenwood, and others; and a quantity of valuable information for farmers and those people for whom *Hearth and Home* is specially intended.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a House joint resolution for extending the recess over the holidays from the 23d inst. until Jan. 10. The subject was laid on the table until the expiration of the morning hour, when it was concurred in by yeas 27, nays 21. The recess, therefore, extends till Monday, Jan. 10.

The bill for the payment of certain expenses in New-Mexico, and the bill for the temporary appropriation of funds to prosecute the work of the Des Moines Rapids, Missouri River, were passed.

GEORGIA AND VIRGINIA.

Mr. MORTON introduced a bill to allow the organization of the militia of Georgia, which was referred.

Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill to carry out the Reconstruction Act in the State of Virginia, and to secure equality before the law, which he gave notice he would move as a substitute for the bill reported by the Committee.

It alleges various atrocities and outrages in the organization of the present Legislature, and declares that the Government of the United States and its all remedies subject to the authority of the United States. The bill throws the Military Commander of the First District to assemble within thirty days the persons qualified as electors of delegates to a convention, which shall participate in the organization or business without taking the oath of July 2, 1862. Upon the ratification of the Fifteenth Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the State shall be entitled to representation in Congress upon the fundamental condition that the Constitution of Virginia shall never be amended so as to deprive any class of the right to vote, hold office, sit upon juries, participate fully in the school fund, or in any equal personal rights with the white race, or to deny to any class of persons any rights, however, be made in respect to the time and place of holding of voters.

THOMAS AND MEADE.

Mr. WILSON offered a resolution

That the Committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of adding two to the number of Lieutenant-Generals, and of giving the names of Major-Generals from five to three.

Mr. WILSON explained that his object was to do justice to two eminent Generals, THOMAS and MEADE, whose great services to the country were universally recognized; the latter having gained, at Gettysburg, the decisive battle of the war.

THE IMPORTATION OF COOLIES.

Mr. WILLIAMS moved to refer the bill to regulate the immigration of Chinese in the United States to the Committee on Commerce. He explained that the object of the bill was to prevent what so far as practicable the importation of coolies and disolute Chinese women into the United States by voiding all contracts for their importation, and prohibiting agreements by owners of vessels to transport persons from China, except with the persons themselves to be transported. Mr. WILLIAMS stated his views of the bill, and the necessity which existed for the Government to protect itself in this matter. He was followed by Mr. HOWARD, STEWART and COLE, and the motion to refer the bill was then agreed to.

THE WASHINGTON EXPOSITION.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN, the Senate took up the bill to promote and encourage the International Industrial Exhibition, to be held in Washington in 1871. Several amendments were adopted, among others one changing the date of the Exhibition to 1872.

Mr. SUMNER, in order to determine the sense of the Senate, moved to refer the bill to the Committee on the District of Columbia. He did not believe Washington to be a suitable place for a World's Fair.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, proposed several amendments, among others to make the corporators individually liable for debts incurred. The amendments proposed, together with the whole subject, was then referred to the Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, at 5 o'clock the Senate went into Executive Session.

It was after 7 o'clock when the doors were reopened, and the Senate adjourned until the 10th of January.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. STEVENSON presented a petition of many citizens of Cincinnati for an amendment of the Revenue laws so as to permit distillers of grapes, apples and peaches to use drop beer for distillation, setting forth that $1,000,000 of revenue, now lost to the Government, might be secured by such a law.

DOMICILIARY REPRESENTATION.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. INGERSOLL in the chair, for general debate.

Mr. CULLOM addressed the Committee on the subject of the apportionment under the next census, desiring it to be carried out so as to apply to the next Congress, favoring the increase of Representatives to at least 300, and intimating that no one could be found who would vote for an amendment of the Constitution to change the basis of representation in the Senate.

Mr. DAWES replied to the argument of Mr. CULLOM. He alluded to the wise provision of the Constitution, allowing the States to be equally represented in the Senate of the Congress, and the people in the other; and to the pledge under which the States came into the Union—that their State existence should be always recognized. He also called attention to article 5 of the Constitution, that no State, without its consent, should be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate. Mr. DAWES, in closing, said that the contemplated amendment suggested would be a breach of the plighted faith of every State that had come into the Union under the Constitution. The late war had been waged to crush out the heresy of State sovereignty. Let it not, he prayed, mark also the decay of State rights.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPHS.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Wisconsin, made a speech in favor of the Government undertaking the telegraph business of the country in connection with the postal service. He criticised the report made last session by the Post-Office Committee against the proposed reform, and analyzed and contradicted the statement submitted to that Committee by the Western Union Telegraph Company. He announced his intention to ask the House to appoint a special investigating committee to inquire into the question of telegraphing, and to determine what the cost would be of connecting the telegraph with the postal system and extending its usefulness to every section of the Union. He was satisfied that better lines than the Western Union Company could be built by the Government at less than $10,000,000. In further argument he said: I know how difficult it is for me to reach the ear of the country in what I may have to say that is adverse to the interest of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Should there be any cause to apprehend my behalf of that monopoly, you will find that every word will be instantly transmitted to the country on the wings of lightning, as was the lengthy report of the Chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads last Spring. I now demand that the agent of the Associated Press, who is allowed to sit here with the reporters on the floor of this House, shall say in his dispatch to-day that I claim to have shown that the United States is the only enlightened nation on the globe that has not taken charge of the telegraph system, and nearly all have made it an appendage to the Post Office. Mr. WASHBURN here embodied facts and figures showing the great expense of telegraphing in the United States as compared with the system in other countries, where the lines were controlled by the Government, and continuing and: The purpose of my bill is to bring the telegraph within reach of the humble as well as the highest, by connecting it with the Post Office, and establishing a uniform rate of twenty cents for twenty words; and also to give Press dispatches to the entire Press of the country at a less rate than now furnished to the favored few who compose the close corporation known as the Associated Press.

THE FINANCES.

Mr. CRISP addressed the Committee on the question pertaining to the public debt and its permanent adjustment, national banks and currency, specie payments and the revision of the tariff and internal revenue, questions which, he said, claimed the public attention to a greater degree at this time than any previous period. The tariff, he said, should be so adjusted by wise and prudent legislation that the burden will fall as lightly as may be on the laboring men, and that the wealth of the country will feel relieve under exemptions. Mr. CRISP maintained the ability of the country to pay its debt, but argued a rigid economy in carrying on all the various branches of the public service, a reduction of the army and navy, a funding of the public debts, a funding of the national debt at a lower rate of interest, a free banking system and a revision of the tariff favoring the revenue and not the protection. Such a policy, he concluded, would would stimulate agriculture, trade and commerce, build up American towns and cities, construct railroads and other works of internal improvement, and enable the people under the Providence of God, to enter upon a career of unexampled prosperity.

Mr. LOUGHRIDGE next addressed the Committee, urging the necessity of economy in all branches of the public service, and indicating how very extensively and properly the present expenditures of the Government can be diminished.

VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

Mr. SARGENT spoke on the subject of mining and mining labor in California, and on the policy of withholding public lands in that State from private entry by speculators; Mr. KERR on the necessity of increasing the number of the Federal Courts in Indiana, and Mr. LAWRENCE in support of his bill requiring Pension Agents to make out pension papers without fees or charges to pensioners.

The Committee rose, and the following bills were introduced and referred:

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. STEVENSON—To amend the Internal Revenue laws by repealing the clause allowing street railroad companies to add the Government tax to the fare of passengers. Also, to amend the same laws by repealing the clause allowing gas companies to add the Government tax to the contract price of gas furnished to customers.

By Mr. MCCORMICK, of Arizona—Authorizing the construction of a wagon road in Arizona.

By Mr. WASHBURNE, of Wisconsin—To grant public lands in the State of Minnesota to aid in the construction of a ship canal around the Falls of St. Anthony.

The House then at 4 o'clock, adjourned until the 10th of January.

THE NEW-YORK TIMES

Every Saturday for the 1st of January, and the opening day of the year, is out, but so elegant in form and style that its most constant readers will hardly recognize it. It is now an "illustrated journal of choice reading," and takes a place alongside of the popular illustrated weeklies of the times. The opening number of the new series is a good one. On the first page is a portrait of TENNYSON, and the page following his sixteen poem, "Northern Farmer." The inside illustrations are: "The Prince's War Courtesy," from a painting by J. L. GERÔME, copied from the new Prince, and a portrait of Lord LYTTON, from the Illustrated London News. The portraits are the first of a series of portraits of contemporary celebrities, which, it is announced, will extend through the volume. The letter press, like that of the Every Saturday of old, is composed of the best of the pieces of the week, with a few more literary. The one material feature of the old will be in the new series, we fancy: that is the table of contents in which the name of the author of each paper, from which each article is taken, was given. A gay column is introduced called "Foreign Gossip," in which mention is made of the Prince of Wales's marriage, Dombey and Son, the Garibaldi war, etc. The illustrated Every Saturday will soon be as popular as ever.

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MARRIED.

CISCO—SANDFORD.—At Trinity Chapel, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, by Rev. Dr. Dix, Rector of Trinity Parish, JOHN J. CISCO to ELIZA POSTON, daughter of the late Leroy M. Sandford.

INGERSOLL—OGILVIE.—At St. Paul's M. E. Church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, by the Rev. Daniel Lee, Jr., D.D., assisted by Rev. H. A. Ridgway, D. D., JAMES H. INGERSOLL to IDA M., daughter of Wm. H. Ogilvie, Esq., all of this City.

WAGANEEY—VAN HORN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Tuesday, Dec. 21, by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, D.D., GEORGE A. WAGANEEY, of St. Louis, Mo., to JOSEPHINE, eldest daughter of Cornelius Van Horn, Esq., of New-York City, Mo. cards.

BERRITT—LYMAN.—In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the house of the bride's father, by Rev. William Reid, Mr. GEORGE W. MERRITT to Miss MARY E. LYMAN, all of this City.

MCCLAIN—WILLIS.—At the Fourteenth-st. Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, by Rev. Stewart W. Hitchcock, JOHN R. MCCLAIN, of this City, to JESSIE M. GALE, eldest daughter of Page T. Gale, of White Plains.

POST—KNAPP.—On Tuesday, Dec. 21, by Rev. S. J. M. Merwin, at the residence of the bride's father, Washington Post, Jr., of this City, to HELEN, youngest daughter of William Knapp, of Milton, Conn.

SCHROEDER—HAWKINS.—On Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Church of the Holy Cross, Plainfield, N. J., by Rev. Horatio Southgate, D. D., HENRY SHERMAN SCHROEDER, of Plainfield, to ELIZABETH, daughter of the late Major Edward Hawkins, U. S. A.

WEBSTER—BRIGGS.—On the same evening, Dec. 20, by Rev. Alexander C. Foster, GEORGE PERSON WEBSTER, of Philadelphia, to ELIZABETH, daughter of Benjamin Briggs, Esq., of Plainfield.

DIED.

ANMAR.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, JOHN J. ANMAR. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Friday, Dec. 23, at 11 o'clock, from Mt. Aery Church, 126th-st., near 7th-av.

HOYT.—At Kitsman, Westchester County, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, MARGARET, wife of James Hoyt, in the 60th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the M. E. Church, corner of Prince and Thompson-sts., on Friday, Dec. 23, at 1 P. M.

LAILLE.—At Tuxedo, N. Y., on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1859, BENJAMIN HOLT LAILLE.

LEONARD.—In this City, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 20, of inflammation of the brain, MRS. MARY E., widow of the late Peter A. Leonard.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the Dutch Reformed Church, corner of 2d-av. and 21st-st., on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Fishkill Village for interment.

PETLEWAY.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 21, MRS. JANE E., wife of James Pettleway, aged 34 years and 7 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, on Harrison-av., corner of 8th-st. and 3d-st., South Brooklyn.

TRIPP.—On Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Orange, N. J., JAMES TRIPP, in the 88th year of his age.

WADSWORTH.—In this City, on the morning of Dec. 21, WILLIAM SEYMOUR, eldest son of Julius and Ann Wadsworth, aged 11 years and 6 months.

The funeral service will take place at the house on Thursday, at 11 A. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WHITE.—On Monday, Dec. 19, at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Geo. C. Noblit, No. 9 Livingston-pl., ADDIE NOBLIT, only daughter of Albert H. and Adelaide E. Whitney, aged 2 years, 7 months and 10 days.

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WHITLOCK.—On Tuesday, Dec. 20, of consumption, ANNETTA C., wife of William S. Whitlock, aged 27 years, 11 months and 20 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral services without further notice, at her late residence, No. 21 West 26th-st., on Friday, at 2 o'clock P. M. Remains to be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

WOOD.—At Magnolia, Miss., on Saturday, Dec. 11, ELIZA V. WOOD, in the 14th year of his age.

WOOD.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1859, NANCY WOOD, aged 74 years, 3 months and 14 days.

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ISAAC S. RANDOLPH, Secretary.

N. B.—Drafts on all the principal towns in Europe sold at lowest rates of exchange.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 280 BOWERY, NEAR HOUSTON-ST.

Six per cent. interest paid on all sums from $5 to $10,000. Money deposited NOW, or on JAN. 5, will draw interest from Jan 1.

GERMAN SPOKEN.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 7.

ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

SEVEN PER CENT. INTEREST.
ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of Fulton and Clinton-sts., Brooklyn.

On and after MONDAY, the 17th day of January next, this bank will pay INTEREST at the rate of SEVEN PER CENT. per annum on ALL SUMS on which shows under the 5th of each month.

MARRISON HALL, President.
JOSEPH P. COOPER, Secretary.
CHAS. D. BAILEY, Treasurer.

N. B.—Money deposited now will draw interest from Jan. 1.

DRY DOCK SAVINGS BANK,
Broadway and 3d-st., near Astor-place, near Avenues B, C, D.

On the 1st of January, 1870, and until further notice, interest at the following rates will be paid to depositors: SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM on sums of $1,000 and under.

SIX PER CENT. PER ANNUM on sums of $1,000 to $5,000 per annum on all sums over $1,000. Interest paid on deposits made on Jan. 2, 1870.

ANDREW MILES, President.
JAMES L. STEWART, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 338 and 340 Canal-st., corner Lafayette-st.

SIX PER CENT. interest on $5 to $5,000.

Money deposited now will draw interest from Jan. 1.

ASSETS, $6,727,542 07.

N. J. HASKIN, JOHN MCLEAN, President.
W. G. WHITLOCK, G. S. CRAPO, Treasurer.
Vice-Presidents. T. S. ALLEN, Secretary.

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK,
No. 1,146 Broadway, between 26th and 27th-sts.

The usual semi-annual dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all deposits of $5 and upward on the 1st day of January, will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 17, 1870.

All money deposited here will draw interest from Jan. 1.

CHARLES PECK, President.
CHARLES T. BODINE, Secretary.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 267 Broadway, entrance on Park-place.

DIVIDEND—Interest on deposits added to capital for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on all sums of $5 and upward, will be paid on and after Monday, Jan. 17, 1870.

FRANCIS F. SCHOALE, President.
WADE B. WORSELL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Acct.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner 84-st. and 3d-av.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Money deposited gains interest from date from 5 to $5,000. Money deposited now will draw interest from Jan. 1.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 1 and 3 Chatham-st., New-York, opposite Cooper Institute.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON ALL SUMS FROM FIVE TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Money deposited now will draw interest from Jan. 1.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.
T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 95 BOWERY, & W. CORNER CANAL-ST.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON ALL SUMS FROM FIVE TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Money deposited now will draw interest from Jan. 1.

Bank open daily from 10 to 3, and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7.

Bank books in English, German and French.

R. A. QUINNARD, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

BOWLING-GREEN SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 2 BROADWAY.—Six per cent. interest, free of Government tax. Interest on new deposits commences on the 1st of every month.

HENRY SMITH, President.
REEVES T. SELMES, Secretary.
WALTER ROCHE, } Vice-Presidents.
EDWARD HOGAN, }

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, STE. nav. corner of Chambers-st.—The usual semi-annual Dividend of interest will be made on the 15th of January, payable on all sums which have remained on deposit one or more months previous to Jan. 1, will be paid on or after Jan. 17.

E. D. BULL, President.
J. E. KELLER, Vice-President.
C. W. BETHERSTONE, Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COURT-HOUSE, PARK.
No. 32 CHAMBERS-ST., Dec. 21, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1869, that if the same remain unpaid before the 1st day of January, 1870, there will be added to the amount of the tax 12 per cent. per annum, calculated from October 1, 1869, to day of payment, which will be claimed. On the 15th day of January next, warrants will be issued for the collection of all such taxes, remaining unpaid on that date.

BERNARD SMYTH, Receiver.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against SARAH DIXON, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his office, No. 6 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 8th day of June, 1870.—Dated New-York, the 14th day of December, 1869.

AVERY J. BROWN, Executor.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

EXCHANGE.—QUARTER OR HALF IN-terest in an extensive slate mill, with valuable quarries in Pennsylvania, now in full operation, to exchange for houses and lots in New-York or Brooklyn; would like to trade with a party who will take the management of the works. R. W. COOK, No. 178 Broadway, Rooms Nos. 12 and 13.

FOR SALE—THE JEWELRY STORE NO. 88 Bowery, the stock, fixtures and lease; one of the oldest and best locations in the City; will be sold at a bargain to a responsible party. For particulars inquire in the store, No. 88 Bowery.

FINANCIAL.

EIGHT PER CENT. GOLD FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE ISSUE OF $1,500,000 BY THE St. Joseph and Denver City R. R. Co.

in denominations of $1,000 and $500, bearing Eight per Cent. per annum Interest, payable in Gold on the 16th of February and August in each year, in New-York, London, or Frankfort-on-the-Main, at the holder's option, free of United States tax. The interest for six months on $1,000 Bond is payable as follows:

In New-York . . . . . $40 Gold.
In London . . . . . £8 8s. 8d.
In Frankfort-on-the-Main 100 Florins

On a $500 Bond one-half these amounts respectively.

These Bonds have thirty years to run from Aug. 14, 1869, payable at maturity in Gold, in the City of New-York. Are Coupon Bonds, but can be registered, or converted into Registered Bonds.

They are secured by a first and only mortgage on 111 miles of the Company's road, from St. Joseph, Mo., to Marysville, Kansas, known as the Eastern Division of the Company's main line, which runs from St. Joseph to Fort Kearney, on the Union Pacific Road, including the Company's depot grounds, rolling stock, now owned or hereafter possessed, rights of way, franchises, real estate, and personal property in Doniphan, Brown, Nemaha and Marshall Counties, Kansas, now owned or which the Company may acquire by reason of the extension of their line to the City of Marysville.

This mortgage is executed to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company as Trustee. At the same time the whole issue of $1,500,000 bonds have been executed by the Railroad Company, placed in the custody of the Trustees, who have absolute possession, and can only issue them or their proceeds, in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage Deed, which is upon a completed road, and then only at the rate of $10,000 per mile.

Bonds to be valid must be countersigned by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

The rate per mile of a completed road, which is mortgaged to secure these bonds at their par value, is $13,500, while the actual cost of construction and equipment is more than double this amount.

This road is mainly the extension of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, with its connections North and East, and the St. Louis and St. Joseph Railroad, with its connections South and East, both lines converging at St. Joseph, and connecting at once with the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad, running West through Eastern Kansas into the heart of Nebraska, where it connects with the Union Pacific Railroad at the City of Fort Kearney, making the shortest route known to California and the Pacific States.

The Company's Capital Stock is $10,000,000, to which nearly $2,000,000 is subscribed and paid up by local subscriptions, which amount has been and is being expended on the road. The Company have 1,000,000 acres of superior lands, immediately adjoining the line, which was a grant from the United States Government, the alternate sections of which are selling for $2.50 per acre, cash. At this low price, the Company have an asset of value in

Lands $4,000,000
First Mortgage Bonds . . 1,500,000
Capital Stock 10,000,000

Total Resources . . . $15,500,000
Total Length of Road . . 271 Miles

while the only debt against the Company is this issue of First Mortgage Bonds, amounting to $1,500,000, all that can be issued.

A large portion of the road West from St. Joseph is now in successful operation, showing earnings, per mile, sufficient to meet the interest liabilities on this loan.

A Branch Company is building a line from this road to the Kansas Pacific Road, thereby giving a direct route to Denver City.

We are authorized to offer these 8 per cent. First Mortgage Bonds at 97½ and accrued interest in currency, with the reserved right to advance the price without notice. Pamphlets, maps and information furnished on application.

Bonds sent and packages received free of express charges, and marketable securities converted without commission to parties investing in these Bonds.

W. P. CONVERSE & CO.,
Commercial Agents,
NO. 54 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.
TANNER & CO.,
Fiscal Agents,
NO. 40 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

Having had all the papers and documents relating to the loan examined by competent counsel, and pronounced complete and sufficient, and having personally examined the same, which we find regular and perfect, and having had our own engineers examine the road and property, whose reports are satisfactory, we do with the utmost confidence and satisfaction recommend the EIGHT PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE GOLD BONDS OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY AS A SAFE, SURE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENT, worthy the attention of capitalists, investors, and others.

WM. P. CONVERSE & CO.,
TANNER & CO.

MUNROE & CO., AMERICAN BANKERS,

NO. 7 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS.
JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
NO. 8 WALL-ST.,
New-York.

Issue Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers in all parts of Europe, &c. Exchange on Paris.

WORLD MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company, held this day, the following-named gentlemen were elected to serve for three years:

George L. Willard, Gilbert L. Beekman,
John W. Prestbingham, James H. Hoagam,
Josiah B. Bloomer, Henry A. Swift,
Isaac P. Frantzer, George L. Nichols,
James R. Newbold, Jr., Henry Lott,
John J. Van Nostrand, James H. Frothingham.

H. V. GAHAGAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 92 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE BOOKS OF THE COMPANY will close on the first inst., preparatory to the annual apportionment. Persons holding policies on risks which shall have terminated during the year, prior to the 1st of July, last, are entitled to share in the profits of the business of the year ending December, and a due allowance of all claims for return of premiums, or adjustments of discrepancies in the accounts.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors of Election, will be held at their banking room on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books will be closed from the close of business on Friday, Jan. 7, until the following Wednesday morning.

E. SEAMAN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER,
ALBANY, Dec. 20, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the interest due Dec. 1, 1869, on the following described bonds of the State of Florida, issued under an act to provide for the sale of the State Bonds, Nos. 116 to 171 inclusive, and No. 180 to 184 inclusive, of $1,000 each, will be paid on presentation by the NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

S. B. CONOVER, State Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1869.

WHEREAS, BY ACT OF CONGRESS the office of the Company has been removed from New-York to Boston:

Notice is hereby given that the coupons of the First Mortgage Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1870, will be payable on and after that date, in gold, free of Government tax, at this office.

JOHN M. V. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD OF CALIFORNIA,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.

THE SIX PER CENT. INTEREST Coupons of First Mortgage Bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad of California, due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid at the banking house of Fisk & Hatch, No. 5 Nassau-st., New-York.

C. F. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, corner Broadway and Duane-st., on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

H. AMERMAN, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking rooms, No. 263 Broadway, on the SECOND TUESDAY in January, 1870, pursuant to the act of Congress of 1863.

JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIrectors of the Jersey and Manhattan Life Insurance Company of New-York will take place on the FOURTH MONDAY in December, 5th inst., at 12 o'clock noon, at the Office of the said Company, No. 320 Broadway, City of New-York. The polls will remain open until 1 o'clock P. M.

WM. HENDERSON, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND GOLD BONDS OF THE CHICAGO, DANVILLE AND VINCENNES RAILROAD COMPANY

are offered for sale by Messrs. W. BAILEY LANG & CO., Minneapolis, Min. and Chicago, Ill.

They are $1,000 Bonds, issued upon a railroad nearly completed, covering a country unsurpassed by any in the best counties of a large and profitable region.

They are secured by first mortgage on 140 miles of this first-class road, its outfit and all present and future acquired property of the Company.

They bear a high rate of interest for a long period of time—SEVEN PER CENT. gold for forty years—and a much field to the cash value of the realty upon which they are issued.

They create an interest liability of the Company of only $1,345 per mile, or less than one-third that of some great roads of the country whose bonds have realized very high.

They are sold only on the completed portion of the road, at the rate of $12,000 per mile. These facts, added to the safeguards thrown around the Bonds, (having the UNION TRUST COMPANY, of New-York, as their Official Register and Transfer Agent,) combine to render these UNEQUALED SECURITIES, and really the most desirable in the market for investment.

The value of the stockholders' One per Cent. for thirty years, at compound interest, would be $661 28, and in forty years $2,093 43 more than that of Government Sixes running the same length of time.

Price at present, 95 and accrued interest from Oct. 1.

Pamphlets, with maps and details, and the Bonds, may be had directly of us, or of our Agents.

Having personally examined this entire line of road, finished and projected, as well as the country through which it runs, we offer these Bonds with every confidence to their full worth and soundness.

W. BAILEY LANG & CO.,
No. 64 Cliff-st., New-York,
Agents for the sale of the Bonds.

THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 236 BROADWAY.
CAPITAL - $1,000,000

PAYS 4 PER CENT. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

PAYS 5 PER CENT. INTEREST ON SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER.

THE COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR MONEYS PAID INTO COURT, AND RECEIVES MONEYS IN TRUST.

DARIUS S. MANGAM, President.
B. L. SOLOMON, First Vice-President. BENJ. F. BANCROFT, Second Vice-President.
JAMES MERRILL, Secretary.

BANKING HOUSE OF
JAY COOKE & CO.

NEW-YORK, PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON.
NO. 2 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

We buy, sell and exchange, at most liberal rates, all issues of

GOVERNMENT BONDS,

and bonds of Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company, and execute orders for purchase and sale of

STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.

WE NEGOTIATE RAILROAD AND MUNICIPAL LOANS, receive deposits, subject to check, allowing interest, and transact a general banking business.

JAY COOKE & CO.

BANKERS' AND BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
NO. 18 BROAD-ST.
LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY.
CAPITAL..... $1,000,000
PAID IN..... $600,000

TRUSTEES.

H. M. BENEDICT, Proct. Gold Ex. Bank.
J. L. BROWNELL.
T. E. MARVIN, Marvin Bros. & Co.
T. B. STOUT, Stout & Dickinson.
A. M. BEEBE, Beebe & Co.
A. M. Ferris & Bro.
T. B. MUSGRAVE, Musgrave & Co.
G. T. BONNER.
G. T. Bonner & Co.
T. S. MARLOR.
JAMES D. SMITH, Dunham, Smith & Co.
Sutting.
R. W. MARTIN, Jr., R. W. Martin, Jr., & Co.
JAMES B. COLGATE, Trav. & Colgate.
RUFUS HATCH, No. 17 Broad-st.
JOHN BONNER, John Bonner & Co.

Transacts a general banking business.

Receives deposits subject to check at sight, and allows five per cent. interest.

Interest allowed on deposits for a specified time, as per agreement.

JOHN BONNER, President.
D. W. BEDARD, Manager.

OFFICE OF THE LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO.,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Nov. 22, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT at a meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, including the stockholders of the late "Buffalo and Erie," the "Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula," the "Lake Shore," the "Cleveland and Toledo," and the "Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana" Railroad Companies, held on the 16th inst., at the office of the Company in Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, on the 22d day of December, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of the Consolidation of the Lake Shore Railroad Company with the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railway Company, which was entered into by the respective Boards of Directors of said Companies, on the 20th day of October, 1869.

GEO. B. ELY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD OF CALIFORNIA, No. 54 WILLIAM-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE SEVEN PER CENT. INTEREST Coupons of Land Grant Bonds of the California and Oregon Railroad, due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid at the banking house of Fisk & Hatch, No. 5 Nassau-st., New-York.

C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President.

OFFICE OF WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD, No. 54 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE SIX PER CENT. INTEREST Coupons of First Mortgage Bonds of Western Pacific Railroad, due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid at the banking house of Fisk & Hatch, No. 5 Nassau-st., New-York.

C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 620 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 11 M. and 1 P. M.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

LOST NOTE.—A PROMISSORY NOTE, dated New-York, Nov. 1, 1869, for $1,000, payable in one year, with interest, payable to the order of Isaac W. Hunt, was mislaid or lost on Dec. 1, to the order of John A. Hunt, of New-York City, but no one is entitled to receive payment, and persons are hereby warned against negotiating the same, as payment will be stopped.

GEORGE A. EDWARDS.

STUYVESANT BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house of this bank, No. 9 Chatham-st., corner of Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 4, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN VAN ORDEN, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 P. M.

J. V. OATLEY, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, NO. 36 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1869.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE Marigold and Chemung Mining Company, at this office, will close on the first inst., and open on Jan. 16, proximo.

R. G. BOLSTON, President.

STATE OF ARKANSAS.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the Coupons of the Funded Debt Bonds of the State of Arkansas, falling due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid on and after the date upon presentation at the American Exchange National Bank, New-York.

HENRY PAGE,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Dec. 10, 1869. State Treasurer.

12½ PER CENT. INTEREST.—CHEAP. UNION PACIFIC LAND GRANT BONDS, bearing 7 per cent. (currency) interest, for SALE at 88 and accrued interest, when these are taken at par in the purchase of the Company's lands.

CORBIN & STANTON, No. 10 Broad-st.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE Danville, Urbana, Bloomington and Pekin Railroad Company OF ILLINOIS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD AT THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, NEW-YORK. COUPONS PAYABLE APRIL AND OCTOBER 1.

FREE OF GOVERNMENT TAX.

THESE BONDS CAN BE REGISTERED.

CAPITAL STOCK..... $3,000,000
TOTAL ISSUE OF BONDS..... $6,000,000

Length of road, 137 5-10 miles. The bonds are limited to less than $20,000 per mile, and are secured by a First Mortgage on the entire property of the Company, which cost about $60,000 per mile, and which we can say with the utmost confidence, will be worth more after the completion of the road at least double the cost. The completion of this line with the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Road, places over two hundred miles under one management, and furnishes still further security to the bondholders, these bonds having been endorsed (a virtual guarantee) by the consolidated Companies, under the name of the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railroad Company. This is an east and west road, connecting with Grand Rapids, Detroit, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore on the east, and with the Pacific and other roads on the west. It runs through the richest and most populous district of Illinois, the local business of which will be more than sufficient to sustain it, while the through business (which will be limited only by the capacity of the road) must make it one of the best paying railways in the country.

TWENTY-TWO MILES ARE NOW READY UNDERNEATH.

The work is being pushed rapidly forward, and TRAINS WILL BE RUNNING OVER THE ENTIRE LINE DURING THE ENSUING MONTH.

About three-quarters of the Loan has been taken by actual investors. We continue to offer, for the present, the balance at 95 and accrued interest in currency.

The high premiums which the stock of all the East and West roads in Illinois commands, justify the belief that the stock of this road will also soon sell above par, thus making the convertible clause of the Bond a valuable option.

All marketable securities received in exchange at the highest market rates. Bonds forwarded by express free of charge. Pamphlets containing full particulars furnished on application by the undersigned financial agents of the Company.

TURNER BROTHERS,
BANKERS,
No. 14 Nassau-st., New-York.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-YORK. FIRST MORTGAGE

THIRTY-YEAR SEVEN PER CENT. CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND BONDS FOR SALE BY

VERMILYE & CO.,
BANKERS,
NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.

A SEVEN PER CENT GOLD LOAN.

$6,500,000.

The Kansas Pacific Railway, now in successful operation from Kansas City Southward, proposes to build an extension to Denver, Colorado. The Government has granted Three Million of Acres of the finest lands in Kansas and Colorado, which are mortgaged for the security of a loan of

$6,500,000.

This loan is secured in the most effectual manner. It represents a road in profitable operation, and will cross the lands of the Homestead Association, and connect it with the great markets of the East. It is considered to be one of the best loans in the market. EVEN BETTER IN SOME RESPECTS THAN GOVERNMENT SIXES BUTTERED.

The loan is the highest class, principal and interest payable in gold, semi-annually, seven per cent.

The company will be represented annually in cash earnings in New-York, and will be free from Government taxation. The bonds for the present are sold in currency at 95, with accrued interest.

Circulars, maps and pamphlets sent on application.

DABNEY, MORGAN & CO.,
NO. 53 EXCHANGE-PLACE, N. Y.
M. K. JESUP & COMP'Y.,
NO. 12 PINE-ST., N. Y.

BANKING HOUSE OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co.
35 Nassau-st.
CORNER of CEDAR-ST.

FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.

PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds.

INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Government, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.

COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
NO. 18 WALL-ST.,
Issue letters of credit for

TRAVELLERS,

available in all the principal cities of Europe, through

DREXEL, HARJES & CO.,
NO. 31 RUE SCRIBE,
PARIS.

ROWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS,
Paris, No. 11 Rue de la Paix; New-York, No. 19 Wall-st.; Boston, No. 79 State-st.

Issue bills on Paris and the Union Bank of London in sums to suit, also circular letters of credit for travelers, available throughout the world. Letters to their care for travelers registered on receipt and delivery.

Agents for the Times in Europe.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELLERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

LOCKWOOD & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 94 BROADWAY.
Deal in United States, Railway and other securities.

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE HAS been sent to the President of the Stock Exchange by the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company:

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1869.

DEAR SIR: To comply with the third article of your by-laws, I inform you that the Sinking Fund for the issue of $3,000,000 of convertible seven per cent. bonds, free of taxes, will be ready for payment, at Fiscal Agency, on and after the 1st of January next, one-half of the amount at any time after that date, and the other half after Jan. 1, 1872.

The purchasers are required to take the bonds as follows:

1,500,000 January, 1870. } Convertible after Jan. 1, 1875.
1,000,000 July 15, 1871. }
1,000,000 Jan. 15, 1872. } Convertible after Jan. 1, 1876.
1,000,000 in 1871 and 1872

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.
THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COVE HARBOR.
Siberia, Wednesday, Dec. 29 | Paris, Thursday, Jan. 6
Palmyra, Thursday, Dec. 30 | Asia, Wednesday, Jan. 12
Russia, Wednesday, Jan. 5 | Alps, Thursday, Jan. 13
Tripoli, Thursday, Dec. 30 | China, Wednesday, Jan. 19
Nubia, Wednesday, Jan. 5 | Scotia, Thursday, Jan. 20
RATES OF PASSAGE.
By the Wednesday steamers, $80 gold, including steerage.
First Cabin.....$120, gold. Second Cabin.....$80, gold.
First Cabin, to Paris.....$145, gold. Second Cabin, to Paris.....$85, gold.
By the Thursday Steamers.
First Cabin.....$80, gold. Steerage.....$30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.
Through bills of lading given for freight forwarded.
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-Green.
For steerage passage at No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Buildings. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.
Steamer of the Saturday sailing will not carry passengers.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
VILLE DE PARIS (Surcouf).....SATURDAY, Dec. 25
ST. LAURENT.....LAMBERT.....SATURDAY, Jan. 1
LAFAYETTE.....ROUSSAN.....SATURDAY, Jan. 22
RETURNING, will sail from Havre, Pier 1, Brest, as follows:
ST. LAURENT.....SATURDAY, Dec. 11
LAFAYETTE.....ROUSSAN.....SATURDAY, Jan. 8
FOREST OF HAVRE, Pier 1, Brest, as follows:
TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $140 and $80.
These steamers are strongly built, and have every comfort of Europe by taking the steamers of this line, and avoid the transit by English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, both saving time, fatigue and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 6 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman Line of Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Dec. 25, 11 A.M.
CITY OF WASHINGTON.....Tuesday, Dec. 28, 7 P.M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Jan. 8, 10 A.M.
and every Saturday thereafter, from Pier No. 45 North River, foot of Canal-st.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
BY THE MAIL STEAMERS SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.
PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$100 | First Cabin.....$80
To London.....100 | To London.....80
To Paris.....115 | To Paris.....95
PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMERS VIA LIVERPOOL.
FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD. STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Liverpool.....$80 | Liverpool.....$30
Halifax.....50 | Halifax.....20
St. John's, N. F., by steamer.....50 | St. John's, N. F., by steamer.....20
Branch Steamer.....20 | Branch Steamer.....10
Reservations secured forward to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Office.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LONDONDERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built passenger Steamers, are intended to sail as follows:
CALEDONIA.....Dec. 30 | COLUMBIA.....Jan. 12
IOWA.....Jan. 1 | EUROPA.....Jan. 22
CALEDONIA.....Jan. 8 | HIBNIA.....Jan. 29
and every SATURDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Christopher-st.
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $80 and $75.
Excursion, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $135 and $120.
Steerage, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $30.
Prepaid Certificates from Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $30.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Bremen, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Paris, Marseilles, Leghorn, Naples and Palermo at low rates.
Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply at the Company's Office, foot of Depot, 7 Hanover-st, or at the Company's Offices, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.
CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
From Pier No. 43 North River, WEDNESDAY.
NEBRASKA.....1,392 tons.....Dec. 29, at 2 P. M.
MANHATTAN.....2,465 tons.....Jan. 5, at 8 A. M.
IDAHO.....2,170 tons.....Jan. 12, at 11 A. M.
MINNESOTA.....2,865 tons.....Jan. 19, at 7 A. M.
NEVADA.....3,125 tons.....Jan. 26, at 2 P. M.
COLORADO.....2,021 tons.....Feb. 2, at 7 A. M.
CABIN PASSAGE.....(Gold).....$80
STEERAGE.....(Currency).....$30
Season ticket Stalls at Dock.
Steerage Passage Office, No. 29 Broadway.
For freight apply at Office, No. 6 Broadway.
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 69 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.
STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
From Pier No. 4 North River.
PENNSYLVANIA, Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 9 A. M.
HELVETIA, Thursday, Saturday, Jan. 1, at 1 P. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100 and $80; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 6 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Cabin.....$140 | Steerage.....$45
including subsistence, according to location of berth.
These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
ON 5TH AND 21ST OF EACH MONTH,
(except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous).
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
JAN. 5—ARIZONA, Captain MAURY, connecting with GREAT REPUBLIC at Panama.
Steamer ARIZONA will leave San Francisco Feb. 1, 1870, for China and Japan.
NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
For reduced rates of freight on Freight Freight for steamer ARIZONA received until 4 P. M. on TUESDAY, Jan. 4. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting bills of lading, &c.
For freight or passage tickets and all further information, apply at the Company's ticket office, on the wharf foot of Canal-st. J. B. EADY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 20th of every month.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. SLOCUM, Dec. 22.
MERIDIANO, Capt. WIRE, Jan. 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. THOMPSON, Feb. 22.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock, from Pier No. 4 North River.
COSMOPOLITAN, Capt. HAYWARD, Dec. 23.
EAGLE, Captain M. B. GREENE (late Hornet), Dec. 30.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. ADAMS.....Jan. 6
For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Atlantic Mail S. S. Co's steamer EAGLE, Captain M. B. Greene, leaves, on at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line—Sailing every twenty days, from Pier No. 1 East River, at 12 noon. The splendid new steamer
CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, Friday, Dec. 24.
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DRAKE, Tuesday, Jan. 18.
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 12 Broadway.

FOR HAVANNAH, GA.,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE STEAMSHIPS, AND CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES TO ALL POINTS IN THE INTERIOR.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK,
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.
THE STEAMSHIPS
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Captain CRESSMAN, THURSDAY, Dec. 23, from Pier 36 N. R., at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 32 Liberty-st.

SAN SALVADOR, Captain NEERSON, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, from Pier 5, North River, at 10 A. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

MONTGOMERY, Captain PARSLOW, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, from Pier No. 28 North River, at 3 P. M.
E. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 12 Wall-st.

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, Dec. 28, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
Wm. St. and 37 South-st.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Steamer SAN SALVADOR will sail SATURDAY, Dec. 25, at 10 A. M.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock, P. M., as follows:
MARIPOSA.....HAMILTON.....Saturday, Dec. 18
GEO. CROMWELL.....CLAFF.....FRIDAY, Dec. 24
and every Saturday thereafter, from Pier No. 9 North River, foot of Rector-st.
Through Bills of Lading given to all points in the Southwest, and connections made at New-Orleans with Texas, Mobile and Galveston lines.
For freight or passage, apply on the wharf, or to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 46 West-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST—REGULAR LINE.
The popular steamship SARAGOSSA, C. EDES, Commander, will sail
THURSDAY, Dec. 23, at 3 P. M.
from Pier No. 3 North River, foot of Rector-st.
Rates of freight, Compress, 61c.; Jacksonville, $24.
Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest.
Agents in Charleston (Stevens & Co.) forward all goods free of commission. Insurance effected at 1870 office at one-half of one per cent.
ARTHUR LEARY, Agent, No. 72 William-st.
The steamship MAGNOLIA will sail Dec. 30.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—Official concerts of the Department of State issued by A. C. WILLIAMSON, U. S. Court Solicitor, No. 41 Pearl-street.

SHIPPING.

FOR MOBILE
VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY WILL DISPATCH THE
FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP
CATHARINE WHITING,
Captain HOWE,
On THURSDAY, Dec. 23, from Pier No. 10 North River, at 3 P. M. Cargo delivered without Storage at Mobile.
Is now receiving. Has elegant passenger accommodations.
Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent. to Mobile.
Through Rates and Bills Lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior as LOWEST RATES.
The ALABAMA will follow and sail on SATURDAY, Jan. 1.
For Freight or Passage apply to
J. F. PATTERSON, Agent, No. 177 West-st., or to R. H. DRUMMOND & CO., No. 84 Wall-st.
Mobile Agents, A. J. INGERSOLL & CO.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
GEO. CROMWELL.....CLAFF.....FRIDAY, Dec. 24
CONTEE.....HINDS.....FRIDAY, Dec. 31
Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates. Cabin passage $30.
For passage, first and second class or freight apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 46 West-st.

NOTICE TO TRAVELLERS.
Parties or families going to Europe or visiting Continent of Europe, who can be accompanied or receive charge, can have lady to Paris with or without their children, who will have to be relieved from responsibility of care and trouble regarding passage, baggage, &c., and be provided with a home during the best accommodation, in proximity of the travelling from Antwerpe, and all conveniences of access to which they are exposed in various parts of Paris. Reference required. Address Lady Traveller, and travelling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIERS SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alsace, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

CUSTOM HOUSE, NEW-YORK,
Dec. 22, 1869.
NOTICE TO SHIPPERS OF MERCHANDISE to California.—Shippers are requested to make all shipments of goods, wares and merchandise, in duplicate, and to make the entries in the Custom-House, in duplicate, and to make the entries in the Custom-House, in duplicate, and to make the entries in the Custom-House

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

A number of the newly-elected City officials—Aldermen, Assistant Aldermen, Justices and School Trustees—were sworn in by the Mayor yesterday.

The number of immigrants arriving at this port since Jan. 1 is 235,449; the number of arrivals during the same period last year was 230,062. The receipts of the Treasurer from all sources, including a balance at the beginning of the year of $6,041 97, have been $64,329 78, while the disbursements have amounted to $62,288 55, leaving a balance of $2,041 23.

A Ladies' Fair and Bazaar at the Murray Hill Baptist Chapel, in Lexington-avenue, near Thirty-seventh-street, is now open and will continue during the week. Great taste has been displayed in the adornment of the rooms and the arrangement of the various articles offered for sale. Besides the traditionary pin cushions and crochet work, always found at fancy fairs, there are a number of articles of real beauty and utility, which are offered at quite reasonable prices. Purchasers of holiday presents can not only obtain bargains here, but at the same time aid the good work the getters up of the fair have in view.

At the annual communication of New-York Lodge No. 168 F. & A. M., held on Tuesday evening, the following named officers were elected: JAS. E. EVERY, Master; John Gillon, Senior Warden; E. B. Valentine, Junior Warden; Lommel Valentine, Treasurer; Jas. G. Sweeny, Secretary; Oreste P. Quintard, Senior Deacon; Henry R. Sharp, Junior Deacon; O. P. Quintard, H. E. Sharp, John R. Jackson, Trustees; Charles D. Brown, Chaplain; M. B. Schurck, Wm. Fast, Masters of Ceremonies; Edgar Odell, Tyler.

The Officers of the Citizens' Savings Bank have reported to Superintendent KENNEDY that they have been much annoyed in consequence of the published report that the door of the bank had been found unlocked by a policeman. They say there was no foundation for this statement, except that the policeman found the iron gate leading to the stairs under the pavement unlocked, but that this gate has no connection whatever with the bank building.

ADDIE FREAR, 9 years of age, living at No. 230 West Thirty-fourth-street, was run over and severely injured yesterday, by a baker's wagon, at the corner of Thirty-seventh-street and Ninth-avenue.

Patrolman DOYLE, of the Harbor Police, Tuesday night, found a lot of pig iron, valued at $40, on the dock at the foot of Rutgers-street. It was sent to the property clerk.

MORRIS PHILLIPS, of No. 150 East Broadway, was yesterday held by Justice DODGE, on a charge of receiving a lot of sewing silk, valued at $100, which had been stolen from the store No. 87 Walker-street, by JOHN F. DRAWBRIDGE, a clerk employed there. PHILLIPS denied that he had purchased the goods with guilty knowledge, and gave bail.

This evening the usual fortnightly lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association, (Western Branch,) No. 263 Hudson-street, will be delivered by Mr. WM. ANDERSON, of the *Herald*. His theme is entitled "People Through Mental Mirrors."

The bids for United States ordnance stores offered for sale by Colonel CRAIGIE, United States Army, at Army Headquarters in this City, were closed yesterday. They must be sent on to Washington to be approved before it can be known who are the successful bidders. The amount of cash in New-York is now so small that large quantities having been sold at different times to private parties.

The undervaluation of the bonded sugars does not prove to be so extensive as first supposed. The Special Treasury Agent and his assistants find that out of the 120,000 hogsheads and 9,000 boxes of sugar reappraised by them, not over 86 lots were undervalued. Some sugars of grade 16, and one case of grade 17, were passed on the 13 standard.

The Board of Excise yesterday granted fifty-five licenses.

A lot of goods remaining in the public store, were sold at auction yesterday by H. DRAPER & CO., at ROBERTS' auctioneer. The articles put up were of every variety, including soda barrels, rugs, porolain, twine, &c. &c. Some very fair bids were made at the sale.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner PELTIER at No. 90 Charlton-street, over the remains of MARIA WHITE, aged 26, a native of Ireland, whose death was believed to have been caused by a gunshot wound. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased returned from a funeral on Monday, and some friends were in her rooms carousing. They left at midnight, and one of the inmates heard some persons fall down stairs. Somebody came in soon after lighting a match left the house almost immediately. A son of the deceased subsequently found her on the stairs, and she was removed to her room. A post-mortem examination was made by Dr. SMITH, who ascertained that death had resulted from a fracture of the skull. The Coroner decided to adjourn the investigation for a week in order to obtain further evidence.

Coroner ROLLINS held an inquest yesterday at No. 138 Laurens-street, over the remains of PHILIP KOSSNA, who died in consequence of a fracture of the skull, sustained by a fall down stairs. Verdict, accidental death.

ANN MEYERS, who was severely burned by a bottle of benzine falling on a stove at No. 630 Church-street, died yesterday. Coroner ROLLINS held an inquest.

GEORGE LUEDEKE, of No. 406 East Fifth-street, a laborer, was held by Justice DOWLING, yesterday, to answer a charge of having broken open the hall door of No. 20 Frankfort-street, and stolen $38 in money from the apartments of FREDERICK HAFFNER.

DANIEL R. LYDDY, who was admitted to practice at the November term of the Supreme Court, signed the roll yesterday, and took the required oath of office.

At the Essex Market Police Court yesterday, CATHARINE MCKENNA was committed for trial on a charge of stealing a policeman's uniform. JOHN HART charged JAMES MUIR with biting off his finger. He was held to answer.

MORRIS STROUS, charged with smuggling cigars on board the steamer *Eagle*, from Havana, was held to await the action of the Grand Jury by Commissioner STILLWELL yesterday.

Another adjournment for a week was obtained yesterday in the case of KEMPE and LALOR, the two persons who are charged with forcibly seizing the property of a Frenchman under the pretext that they were Custom House officers. Counsel for the defendants procured the adjournment after stating that he desired an extension in order to introduce the TWEEDS, now in Canada, as witnesses in the case.

The Woman Suffrage Association met yesterday at Packard's Institute, and after some discussion with regard to a constitution and by-laws, adjourned *sine die*.

United States Senator FRELINGHUYSEN has made Dr. HOLBROOK, the Secretary of the American Bible Society, Rev. Dr. NOMLI, of the navy, Señor RIVERA, of the City of Mexico, and himself life members of the Evangelical Advertising Association.

There was a very pleasant reunion yesterday of the male pupils and their parents at Grammar School No. 27, corner of Eighty-second-street and Fourth-avenue. It was the semi-annual distribution of certificates prior to the Christmas holidays. One hundred and fifteen boys received certificates. The school numbers 800 pupils. The exercises consisted of singing and declamation by the boys, and addresses were delivered by M. L. A. FULLER, School Trustee, H. B. PERKINS, School Inspector of the Third District, S. S. PACKARD and Mr. PICCOT, of the New-York *Tribune*.

Yesterday morning, as the ferry boat *Pomona*, belonging to the North Shore (S. I.) Ferry Boat Company, reached New-Brighton, en route from Factoryville to the City, she was seized by Collector HAWKINS, of the First District, for nonpayment of the Government tax. The owners or representative of the Company came promptly forward and gave him a check for $3,000, being the amount of the back taxes due. The boat was then released. The seizure was quietly conducted, and the passengers detained only a few minutes.

An amendment to the constitution and by-laws of the New-York Stock Exchange was offered by S. V. WHITE at the last regular meeting of the Governing Committee, providing that in case of the death of any member the Exchange shall pay to his widow and children, if he leaves any, and if not, to his legal representatives, $10,000 as a gratuity free from all claims of indebtedness; provided such amount shall not exceed $10,000 to be made up by an assessment of $10 on each surviving member. This does not affect the sale of seats by heirs or claimants.

The mortality in this City for the week ending Dec. 18 was as follows: Small pox, 20; measles, 2; scarlatina, 28; diphtheria, 3; croup, 4; whooping cough, 3; typhus fever, 2; typhoid, 16; cholera, 1; cholera morbus and other diarrhœal diseases, 1; other zymotic diseases, 18; total zymotic diseases, 118; accident or negligence, 12; other diseases, 314. Total, 444.

The scholars of Grammar School No. 5, in Hudson-street, had a pleasant time yesterday morning, the occasion being the closing up of work prior to the Christmas vacation, and the annual distribution of certificates. Hon. B. S. COX and several other members of the Board of Education delivered addresses. Over six hundred boys were present, and all showed the perfect order and discipline to which they have been trained by Mr. SUTHERLAND, the Principal of the school.

Dr. A. DOUAI lectured last evening on "The Glacial Formation of the Earth," before the members of the New-York Liberal Club, at their assembly room, Twenty-third-street and Third-avenue. He explained the nature of ice, and showed by example how snow is converted into ice, and by the process of thawing brought back again to its original state. He spoke at length on the formation and existence of glaciers, their action on other bodies, and their final dissolution.

A meeting of the members of the Chamber of Conspicuous Industry was held last evening at Room No. 24, Cooper Institute. Mr. HILL, one of the members, made some remarks, in which he urged upon members the importance of combination, especially during the winter months, for the purpose of getting up groceries, &c., without the inter-vention of middlemen.

Mr. WM. H. POPE will recite selections from American poetry, at the new hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, this evening. Mr. POPE is an elocutionist of credit and renown.

The Iron Moulders' Union held a largely-attended meeting last evening at No. 192 Bowery. The strike of the men at JACKSON'S foundry was discussed, and the advisability of competing with that establishment was talked over. It was resolved to hold out firmly, and preparations were made for that purpose.

The Practical Painters' Association met last evening at No. 527 Bowery. Mr. THOMAS WHITMAN, President, in the chair. Officers were nominated for the ensuing six months.

The Engineers' Protective Association met last evening at No. 192 Bowery, Mr. E. F. DEMAREST in the chair. Regular business and preparations for their annual ball were the principal business before the meeting.

The act designating the holidays to be observed in the acceptance and payment of bills of exchange and promissory notes, passed April 4, 1866, sets forth that payments falling on Sunday and payable, not for the holiday (as in the case of Christmas and New Year's this year) on Saturday, must be made on Friday.

From 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning to 11 in the evening the mercury in the thermometer stood above 30° (Fahr.) At 3 and 6 o'clock 40° was registered. Such extraordinary high temperature for December is noteworthy. At 12 o'clock on Thursday evening the mercury was at the freezing point, (32°.) Last year no such warm weather occurred in December, but only as far back as the early part of November, when on the 10th 68° was registered at 7 A. M. and therefore.

Last evening FRANCISCA BERRIMAN, a German woman, 21 years of age, living at No. 58 Eldridge-street, was fatally burned by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp.

A musical Christmas feast is to be given at Zion Church, in Madison-avenue, Bishop SOUTHGATE rector, on Christmas Day, when and where the choicest selections from HANDEL'S "Messiah" are to be sung by Mme. SAHARI, soprano; Miss BURELL, alto; Mr. HILL, tenor; Mr. BECKER, bass; and Professor GEORGE BERGNER, the prominent composer and performer, will preside at the organ.

BROOKLYN.

At the annual election of Central Lodge No. 265, F. and A. M., of Brooklyn, held recently, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: Jos. B. Jones, W. M.; David McGil, S. W.; F. V. Brush, J. W.; H. L. Wilson, Treasurer; Charles O. Hand, Secretary; Wm. Hightenger, S. D.; John Higgs, J. D.; Fred. Clinton, S. S.; C. W. Van E. Leslie, J. M. C.; Amos Lewis, J. H. Blackmore, H. P. Lovrey, Trustees; F. E. Arbont, Tyler.

The new hall of the Port Jefferson Division Sons of Temperance has been completed. It was dedicated by G. W. P. STEPHEN MERRITT, of this city.

MCGEE, the man charged with stabbing DENNIS BURNS and DANIEL MARTIN on Front-street several weeks ago, was brought before Justice WALSH yesterday, and after hearing MARTIN's evidence the substance of which was published at the time of the affray, the case was adjourned.

JAMES MORGAN, a United States marine, was arrested yesterday morning, having on his person considerable money, a couple of watches and two suits of clothing. He was drunk at the time. As the house of JOHN MCPHILIPS, a Navy Yard watchman, had been entered and robbed of $100 in money and a number of articles, and JAMES said he was the man who did it, Justice WALSH at once held him to await the action of the Grand Jury.

JAMES DUNNING, an old man, (about 80 years,) was picked up by the Forty-second Precinct Police last evening, and he is now at the Station House in York-street, awaiting the call of his friends. He is demented, and, therefore, unable to tell his place of residence.

General STEWART L. WOODFORD will deliver his lecture on "THE SEMINARY" in the Twelfth-street Reformed Church, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, this evening. He is sure to have a large audience.

Miss HERATUS HAROOTUNIA, a young and beautiful Turkish lady, was brought up before Judge TROY, in the County Court yesterday, on a writ of *habeas corpus*. It appears that she was brought to this country by G. H. CHERRIER, the keeper of a conectionary establishment on Fulton-avenue, and abandoned; that she sought his protection, when he ordered her arrest, and caused Justice LYNCH to send her to the Penitentiary for two months. Judge TROY, on hearing the facts of the case stated, ordered the young lady's discharge, and requested the District-Attorney to call the attention of the Grand Jury to the case.

Professor EATON will deliver a lecture on "Earth and Sky" before the Young Men's Christian Association, this evening.

The United States Treasury is ready to redeem the notes of the late Farmers' and Citizens' Bank, of Williamsburg.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER lectured to an overwhelming audience at the Plymouth Bethel last evening, on "Popular Proverbs."

Rev. T. DEWITT TALMAGE will lecture on "Our New House," at the Academy of Music, next Monday evening, for the benefit of the Masonic Board of Relief.

As soon as the weather shall be such as to form ice on the Prospect Park Lake, skaters will have an opportunity of enjoying themselves thereon.

LONG ISLAND.

A second order, fixed white light, illuminating the entire horizon, has been placed on the tower recently built on Little Gull Island, eastern entrance to Long Island Sound. The fourth order light will be withdrawn. The building consists of a gray granite tower, surrounded by a lantern painted black, and connected with the keeper's dwelling of red sandstone with granite trimmings, the dwelling being two stories high. During thick or foggy weather, a fog signal, consisting of its sixteen, succeeded by fifteen, sounded for five seconds, at intervals of twenty-five seconds. The bell now used as a fog signal will not be withdrawn, and in case of any derangement of the steam signal, will be used as a substitute.

Bishop LITTLEJOHN visited Roslyn on Sunday, and confirmed thirty-three persons, making his third visitation since his ordination.

In July a negro attempted a bold outrage on the person of Mrs. JOHN HERRICKSON, of Flushing. He was compelled to desist by the shrieks of the lady and the onslaught of a dog, and succeeded in making his escape. The officers of the county have at last succeeded in capturing him. He has been identified by Mrs. HERRICKSON, and is now confined in the Queens County Jail.

A party of drunken men visited Good Ground on Sunday, when a fight ensued between the party and some citizens, which resulted in the severe cutting of Mr. G. S. WELLS about the head and face.

During the past year 67,50,000 menhadden fish were taken in the Great South Bay.

CHARLES L. LINCOLN, editor of the Flushing *Journal*, who was stricken with paralysis on Thursday last, died at 8:15 A. M. yesterday at his residence in Flushing. Mr. LINCOLN was 61 years of age.

NATHANIEL MILLER, of South Haven, has been appointed agent for the Coast Wrecking Company.

At a meeting of the Presbyterians of Greenport on Monday evening, the salary of the pastor was advanced $200, JEREMIAH MOORE was re-elected trustee for the ensuing year. Dr. STRATTON, pastor of the church, has received a call from the people of Newbury, Vt.

Most of the mills on the island have ceased running, owing to the low price of flour compared with the high price of grain.

GEORGE HULSE, of Easthampton, was shot through the hand recently while gunning, by CHARLES FILER. It was accidental.

The people of Quogue have subscribed $800 for the purpose of constructing a Presbyterian Church.

A small building on the premises of Mrs. COOPER, of Good Ground, was destroyed by fire a few evenings since, causing a loss of $300.

The ladies connected with the Suffolk County Agricultural Society have resolved to hold a horticultural exhibition in the Spring.

The Sag Harbor Branch Railroad is rapidly nearing completion. The rails are now laid as far as Bridge-place, and will be to the village of Southampton by the middle of January.

At a convocation of Sithra Chapter, No. 214, R. A. M., held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: G. E. Corwin, High Priest; W. J. Hammond, King; W. D. Corey, Scribe; A. J. Wigging, Treasurer; J. W. Gallup, Secretary; G. S. Post, Captain of Host; C. E. Tuthill, Principal Sojourner; Henry Fordham, Royal Arch Captain; A. Van Nostrand, M. of Third Vail; A. Kraucher, M. of Second Vail; A. Brown, M. of First Vail; G. H. Corwin, C. D. Elmer, J. S. Gallup, Trustees.

T. JEFFERSON STEWART, of Port Jefferson, is about to publish a paper in the interest of the temperance societies in Queens and Suffolk Counties.

The late gale did great damage in the harbor of Port Jefferson. The vessels *Uncle, Opera, Housatonic, Nancy, Sallie, Berthie, Adale, Georgiana* and *Lark* were greatly disabled.

The Presbytery of Long Island are holding extra sessions in Sag Harbor and Port Jefferson.

The tax on Huntington property for the support of the Union School is eighty-five cents on the $100.

The Commissioners appointed to construct the highway from Jamaica to Astoria will require additional legislation before they can complete their labors. The act required that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment

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NEW-JERSEY.

At Orange yesterday morning a coal train on the Morris and Essex Railroad was almost completely demolished. An axle upon one of the forward cars broke, and the succeeding cars were thrown from the track, eight of them being smashed up.

It is stated that LEONHARDT SCHUMM, the Newark murderer, has been seen near New-Haven, and a special detail of Police has been set to watch certain points for the purpose of capturing him.

WM. KENNY was arrested at Roselle yesterday, charged with having committed the recent burglaries there.

CARL TRAUTS, a German, residing at No. 63 Broome-street, was arrested yesterday, charged by his wife with assault and battery, and with having deserted her to live with her washerwoman. He was held to bail.

Governor RANDOLPH has appointed ZEBULON M. WARD to be Surrogate of Passaic County.

WM. LITTELL, a young man who has been for years insane, was arrested early yesterday morning by Officer GARDINER, who interfered between the lunatic and his mother, and probably saved her life. LITTELL was yesterday sent to the Lunatic Asylum. The same individual entered the Executive Mansion at Washington a few weeks ago with the avowed intention of killing President GRANT.

JAS. MCCONNELL, a brakeman, was killed on the Morris and Essex Railroad on Tuesday, near Morristown, by falling under the wheels.

At about 3 o'clock yesterday morning the tea store of Messrs. TOWNSEND & SON, on Newark-avenue, in Jersey City, was destroyed by fire. The stock in the store was entirely consumed, entailing a loss of about $10,000. The building was damaged to the extent of $2,500. The insurance upon the stock is $6,000. The loss sustained by damage to the building is fully covered by insurance.

The trial of JOHN DICKEY for the murder of his wife was continued before Judge BEDLE at Hackensack, N. J., yesterday, and was given to the jury. At last accounts they had not presented a verdict.

JOSEPH SHEPHERD, in Jersey City, at an early hour yesterday morning was detected carrying away a sink belonging to a house. He engaged him to throw the value into a sink behind a house in Montgomery-street, and to tell the occupant of the house that he was wanted in New-York. An officer knocked at the door of the house and delivered to a man who answered, the message given him by Joseph SHEPHERD, who had been intrusted. When they asked him for an explanation, he could only say it was all right—that SHEPHERD had been sent to him with a message from New-York. SHEPHERD was taken to the Station House, and the Recorder, after having heard the story, committed him for further examination.

A man named MCDONOUGH yesterday represented at the Police Station in Jersey City that he had been throttled and robbed of $21 in money on Tuesday night, by two highwaymen on Newark-avenue. No clue to the perpetrators of the outrage has yet been obtained.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 22—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 92¼ for money and 92¼ for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 89¾; do. do. do. 1867, 91¼; do. do. do. 1868, 91¾. Erie Railway Shares, 19¼. Illinois Central, 93¼. Atlantic and Great Western, 26.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opened with a fair business doing. Uplands, 11½d.; Middling Orleans, 11¾d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales.

LONDON, Dec. 22—Noon.—Sugar, 30s. 6d. for No. 12 Dutch Standard on the spot; to arrive, equal.

ANTWERP, Dec. 22—Petroleum opened quiet and steady at 50½f. for Standard White.

PARIS, Dec. 22—The Bourse opened dull. Rentes, 72f. 40c.

LONDON, Dec. 22—1 P. M.—Consols, 92¼ for money and 92¼ for the account. Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 89¾; 1867, 91¼; 1868, 91¾. Erie Railway Shares, 19¼. Illinois Central, 93¼. Atlantic and Great Western, 26.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22—4:30 P. M.—Cotton closed at 11¼d. for Middling Uplands. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, including 2,000 for speculation and export. Breadstuffs dull and unchanged. Refined Petroleum, in 50 gallons, 1s. 6d.

HAVRE, Dec. 22—Cotton closed quiet at 126f. on spot, and 125f. afloat.

ANTWERP, Dec. 22—Petroleum closed firm at 50½f. for Standard White.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22—EXCHANGE quiet; 1-10 off buying; par@1-10 selling. FLOUR quiet; sales at $[illegible] for Spring Extras. WHEAT declining; sales at [illegible] for No. 2; rejected, after-noon, lower at 90½c. cash and seller December. CORN dull; sales at [illegible] regular, 70c. for fresh receipts of No. 2; in the afternoon dull at 72½c. for No. 2. OATS quiet at 42½c. cash and seller December. RYE dull; No. 2, 71c. BARLEY inactive and nominal at 75c. for No. 2. PROVISIONS—Pork dull and lower; sales at [illegible] cash, [illegible] seller January. Lard quiet and steady; sales at [illegible] cash. Bulk Meats quiet; sales at [illegible] cash. Dressed Hogs active; sales at [illegible] cash. Live Hogs neglected; sales at [illegible] for [illegible]. WHISKEY dull and lower; sales at [illegible] for Fine Western. Receipts—Flour, 2,000 bbls. Flour, 40,000 lbs. Wheat, 19,000 bushels. Corn, 87,000 bushels. Oats, 7,000 bushels. Barley, 3,000 bushels. Rye, 1,000 bushels. Live Hogs, 1,000 lbs. Pork, 1,000 bbls. Whiskey, 1,000 gals. Shipments—Flour, 1,000 bbls. Flour, 6,000 lbs. Wheat, 7,000 bushels. Corn, 2,000 bushels. Barley, 1,000 bushels. Corn, 2,000 bushels. Rye, 1,000 bushels.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22—TOBACCO heavy. COTTON nominal. FLOUR quiet; sales at $[illegible] for Superfine, $[illegible] for Family, $[illegible] for Double Extra. WHEAT—No. 1 Fall, $[illegible]; No. 2 do. do. [illegible]; No. 2 Red Fall, $[illegible]; No. 3 do. do. [illegible]; declining; sales at [illegible]c. cash, for Mixed, [illegible]c. for choice Fancy White. OATS heavy; sales at [illegible]c. cash. BARLEY steady at $1 [illegible]c. for Spring. WHISKEY dull at [illegible]c. PORK lower; seller January, $[illegible]. Dry salted MEATS—[illegible] for shoulders, [illegible]c. for Clear Ribs, [illegible]c. for Clear Sides. BACON quiet; Shoulders, [illegible]c.; Clear Ribs, [illegible]c.; Clear Sides, [illegible]c. LARD heavy; Steam, 17c. [illegible]; Kettle, 17½c. CATTLE dull. Live Hogs dull; sales at $[illegible] cash, latter for heavy. Receipts—Flour, 2,000 bbls. Wheat, 1,000 bushels. Corn, 1,000 bushels. Oats, 7,000 bushels. Barley, 1,000 bushels.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22—FLOUR unchanged. WHEAT unchanged, with a limited demand. CORN unchanged. OATS dull and unchanged. RYE dull and nominal. BARLEY dull and unchanged. COTTON heavy and dull; Middling 22½c. TOBACCO quiet and unchanged. WHISKY quiet at 94c. [illegible]c. the inside rate for cash. PROVISIONS unsettled; all articles nominally lower. PORK offered at $[illegible]. Green MEATS, [illegible]c. BACON, 14½c. for Shoulders, 18½c. for Sides. LARD, 16c. for Kettle; Steam offered at 17c. Live HOGS dull, lower and nominally [illegible]. Receipts—Flour, 1,000 bbls. Wheat, 7,000 bushels. Corn, 2,000 bushels. Oats, 1,000 bushels. Rye, 1,000 bushels. Barley, 1,000 bushels. Pork, 1,000 bbls. Lard, 1,000 tcs. Hogs, 1,000 head. Shipments—Flour, 1,000 bbls. Wheat, 1,000 bushels. Corn, 2,000 bushels. Rye, 1,000 bushels. Barley, 1,000 bushels.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22—COTTON heavy; Middlings, 22c. FLOUR easier and nearly $[illegible] lower. WHEAT—Spirits of Turpentine, 40c. Rosin, $[illegible]. Tar, $[illegible]. Crude Turpentine, $[illegible]. Freights quiet. Cotton, to Liverpool, 5-16d. Provisions unchanged. Cut Meats, 15½c. Bacon, 18½c. Shoulders, 15½c. Ham, 22c. Lard, 18c. Whisky very dull at $1 [illegible].

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22—FLOUR—Dray loads for family trade only. WHEAT inactive. Canal freight; sales 2,500 bushels Red Winter, No. 2, in store, delivered, five car lots New Ohio at 86c. in store. CORN dull and held at 81c. for No. 2 Western. RYE nominal. BARLEY dull; sales 1,500 bushels Canada West, delivered, five car lots New Ohio at 86c. in store. OATS dull and held at 51